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DAY 68
WAR WATCH

IRAN OPERATION
OVER: RUBIO

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said that Operation Epic Fury, which began on Feb 28 against Iran, has ended. He claimed the mission has achieved its objectives | **P14**

"The operation is over, as the president notified Congress. We're done with that stage of it," Rubio told reporters at the White House

According to CNN, US and Iran are moving closer to an agreement on a one-page memo to end the war and begin nuclear negotiations

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump said he is pausing Project Freedom, the military operation to escort stranded ships out of Hormuz

In his typical style, Trump also issued a fresh warning to Iran, saying the "bombing starts" again if a deal is not reached

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No bilaterals with Pak, but multi-nation events OK

CHENNAI: In a major development, India put out a formal sports policy regarding India's participation or hosting of international events. Though certain provisions were part of an unsigned document on the sports ministry website in August 2025, this time the signed policy outlined India's approach involving Pakistan. India and Pakistan will not play in bilateral series but when it comes to international events involving multiple nations, they are free to compete in India or abroad. The circular dated May 5, 2026, has said that India's policy of not playing Pakistan in bilateral events will continue. "India's approach to sports events involving Pakistan reflects its overall policy in dealing with that country," said the office memorandum. **ENS**

DMK-AIADMK rumours may rain on Vijay's parade

Swearing-in ceremony may be put off as governor yet to invite TVK to form govt even as buzz emerges of Dravidian majors mulling a team-up

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

THE swearing-in ceremony of TVK chief Vijay, initially scheduled for Thursday, may be delayed even as strong rumours gathered speed of arch-rivals DMK and AIADMK discussing a partnership along with their allies to form a government.

It is unclear how such an alliance would work with the AIADMK's ally PMK and its rival VCK, allied to DMK, being in the mix. The DMK (59 seats) and AIADMK (47) together have 106 seats, falling short of a simple majority by 12. The IUML, CPI, CPM and VCK from the DMK front have two seats each and DMDK has one, while the PMK from the AIADMK alliance has four. If such an alliance comes to fruition, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami may assume the chief ministerial post with DMK's support, as part of a larger plan that may extend up to the 2029 Lok Sabha elections, sources indicated.

However, leaders from both Dravidian majors officially denied such a development to *TNIE*. DMK MP Kalanidhi Veeraswamy, in a late night X post, said, "The DMK has decided to function as an effective opposition despite Congress' betrayal (and perhaps other alliance parties). The ADMK (sic) is pushing BJP to stop TVK forming the govern-



TVK president Vijay with TN Governor Rajendra Arlekar at the Lok Bhavan in Chennai on Wednesday | P11

ment. That is disrespecting people's mandate. Hope democracy prevails."

The rumour mill started churning late on Wednesday, after the Congress formally announced its support to the TVK to form a government, stating that the alliance will continue till the 2029 polls. Vijay subsequently met with Tamil Nadu

Governor Rajendra Arlekar and staked his claim to form a government as the legislative party leader of the single largest party in the House.

It is customary for Lok Bhavan to issue an invitation within an hour of the leader staking claim to form a government and prove his majority on the floor of the state Assembly within a specified time frame. However, as of going to press on Wednesday night, the governor had yet to issue such an invitation. **P7,11**

Cong severs decade-long ties with DMK

Chennai: The Congress, in a statement issued by AICC Tamil Nadu in-charge Girish Chodankar on Wednesday, formally severed its decade-long alliance with the DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance and extended its full support to Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam to form the government in the state | **P11**

EPS as CM in DMK-AIADMK combine?

According to AIADMK sources, in case of a DMK-AIADMK tie-up, party general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami may assume the chief ministerial post with DMK's support, as part of a larger plan that may extend up to the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. It is unclear how this would work with both the PMK and VCK in the mix

CM race heats up, Chennithala meets Cong brass

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AS the race for the Kerala CM post intensifies, senior Congress leader **Ramesh Chennithala** met Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi on Wednesday to present his case for the position, sources said.

Following the Congress-led UDF's victory in the assembly elections, the contest for the CM post has narrowed to three leaders: V D Satheesan, K C Venugopal, and Chennithala.

AICC observers Mukul Wasnik and Ajay Maken are expected to meet the newly elected MLAs individually on Thursday.

According to sources, Chennithala informed the leadership that he was overlooked for the post of Leader of Opposition in 2021, despite having the backing of a majority of Congress MLAs. He also projected his seniority and vast administrative experience. The meeting was also attended by Venugopal, said sources.

The high command is expected to make a final call once the observers submit their report. However, sources indicated that Venugopal has emerged as the frontrunner for the CM post, while Satheesan has been projected as the people's choice.

Sources said Venugopal told the leadership voters did not back the UDF on the basis of projecting any one individual as CM. He reportedly argued that each elected representative was chosen based on individual influence, positions, and other relevant factors. **P7**

Suvendu Adhikari's PA shot dead in West Bengal

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

In a major escalation of post-poll violence in West Bengal, a close aide of BJP's prime contender for chief ministership, Suvendu Adhikari, was shot dead on Wednesday night at Madhyagram in North 24 Parganas district.

According to locals, the assailants randomly sprayed bullets on Chandranath Rath, personal assistant of Adhikari, and his driver when their car was on the National Highway.

Both sustained severe injuries and were rushed to a local hospital where Rath was declared dead. The condition of the driver is critical. Adhikari later visited the hospital. He was not in the car that was attacked.

The attackers are said to have followed Rath's car, intercepted it, shot him through the rolled-up window from the opposite side and fled. He was in the front seat next to the driver.

The incident occurred at Chowmatha at Maddhyagram, hardly 3 km from Kolkata airport. With tension building up in Maddhyagram, a massive deployment of police forces was ordered. Police are



Bullet marks on the window of a car Chandranath Rath (inset) was travelling in. Rath was Suvendu Adhikari's personal assistant | P11

verifying local CCTV footage to identify the culprits.

Earlier in the day, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar ordered the arrest of all those involved the post-poll violence. The order came hours after two paramilitary personnel and an equal number of policemen, including the officer in-charge of Nazat police station, B P Purkayastha, and a woman constable, were shot at during a clash in the Sandeshkhali area.

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Wind Tunnel Road underpass work finally starts, to take over 6 months

Project will be executed in three phases; rain may delay it by a few more weeks

MOHAMMED YACOUB @ Bengaluru

AFTER three years of delay, work on the Rs 19.5-crore Wind Tunnel Road-Old Airport Road underpass has finally commenced. As per engineers of Bengaluru Central City Corporation, the 300-metre underpass was designed by the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) project department. They wanted to add a service road and install precast boxes, but Bengaluru Traffic Police did not agree to it.

"We wanted to make the 17km stretch from ASC Junction to Hope Farm Junction in Whitefield a signal-free corridor, and opened the HAL-Suranjandas Road Junction and Kundalahalli underpass in February 2023. However, to start the Wind Tunnel Road-Old Airport Road underpass works, the traffic department refused to give NOC for road cutting, citing that the route is heavily stressed and there is VIP movement on a daily basis," said a senior engineer.

On the directions of Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA)



Work under way on the Rs 19.5-crore 300-metre Wind Tunnel Road-Old Airport Road underpass, designed by the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao, work was taken up and the necessary NOCs were obtained.

Work will be executed in three phases. Under Phase-1, utilities will be relocated and a barrier will be constructed, with installation of a magic box from Golden Enclave and HP Petrol Bunk side, then digging will be taken up. This will take 60 days. In the second

phase, installation of the magic box on UR Rao Satellite Centre (ISRO) side will take another 60 days. The service road, civil works, lighting and installation of reflectors will take another 60 days in Phase-3. "Totally, 180 working days are required for the underpass work. If there are heavy rains, work will get hampered, and it may be delayed by a few more weeks," the engineer said.

"The reason we started anew is due to school holidays, by the time schools reopen, digging work may have been completed. Arrangements have been made to allow traffic from the opposite side of HP Petrol Bunk, and central medians for about 150 meters have been pushed aside to make way for vehicles coming from Old Airport Road side towards the city to avoid a bottleneck," the engineer stated.

Meanwhile, Rao inspected works on Wednesday and directed officials to use cutting-edge technology and try to complete the work in three months' time. Since the road has high traffic congestion, work should be carried out in three shifts using additional machinery and completed within the stipulated time.

"To ensure there is no disruption to vehicular traffic during underpass work, temporary roads are being constructed on both sides of the junction in the Defence, ISRO, NAL departments and private lands to facilitate vehicular traffic," said Rao.

LPG price hike hits eateries, drives hole in people's budget

GAYATHRI M KURUP @ Bengaluru

YOUR everyday meal at restaurants may now cost you more as eateries across Bengaluru grapple with rising LPG prices, supply shortages and increasing input costs. From small darshinis to independent restaurants, establishments have raised prices by Rs 5 to Rs 12 or up to 10-15% over the past two months, impacting daily consumers.

Darshinis that are go-to places for office-goers, students and daily wage workers for their affordable prices too are feeling the strain.

Restaurant owners say the sharp rise in commercial LPG cylinder prices from around Rs 1,600 a few months ago to nearly Rs 3,000-Rs 3,200 now has significantly increased operating costs. "Along with LPG, prices of vegetables and other raw materials too have gone up. We have had no option but to revise prices," said Niranjan Gowda, owner of Aha Thindi on Cunningham Road. Tea and coffee prices have risen from Rs 20 to Rs 25, while staples like idli and dosa too have become costlier.

Supply disruptions have only worsened the situation. Several owners report that they have

been receiving only part of their required supplies, forcing them to buy cylinders from the black market, paying steep rates. "We sometimes get only 70-80% of our required supply and have to buy the rest from the black market," Gowda said, adding that some outlets are shutting earlier than usual.

New businesses are also under pressure. Puneeth M, owner of Veg Que in Nagarbhavi, said he had to increase prices soon after opening. "There is no issue in availability, but the cost of LPG has gone up, forcing us to revise our menu," he said. At his outlet, tea and coffee now cost Rs 20, dosa Rs 80, idli Rs 40, and North Indian dishes and Indo-Chinese foods like Gobi Manchurian start at Rs 100.

For smaller establishments, the impact has been even more severe. "We have increased prices for all food items and stopped serving deep-fried items like Gobi Manchurian as it is no longer feasible. LPG in the black market is being sold for as high as Rs 7,000," said Girish, a worker at ICE and Chinese Square. He added that customer footfall has reduced, as deep-fried items were among their main attractions.



Eateries across the city have raised prices by Rs 5 to Rs 12 or up to 10-15% over the past two months | VINOD KUMAR T

Food stalls: Activist flags safety concerns

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AN RTI activist has alleged that over 50 food stalls operate from footpaths in Vijayanagar although their licence issued by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) ended in August last.

Veeresh, the RTI activist, said these stall owners use LPG to cook food on the footpaths, ignoring all safety norms.

Although only 17 vendors have been granted licence, more than 50 run their stalls on the footpaths. Of the 17 vendors, whose licence ended in August last, only seven are from Vijayanagar and Govindaraja Nagar, he said.

According to Supreme Court guidelines, vendors can only sell items such as cooked food, sliced fruits, juices, etc. No food should be cooked by such vendors. But vendors in Vijayanagar have scant respect for these guidelines. They also do business within 100 metres of places of worship, schools and colleges and hospitals, and within 150 metres of municipality markets or within 100 metres of railway stations. Police and civic officials have not taken any action against such vendors despite several complaints. A complaint to the Lokayukta has been filed and notice issued to errant vendors. On May 11, the Lokayukta will conduct an inquiry, Veeresh said.

He said LPG cylinders on footpaths may lead to fire accidents. In some localities of Vijayanagar, the stalls and LPG cylinders on footpaths obstruct the movement of women, children and the aged.

EXPRESS READ



Students present 373 projects at Nitte expo

Bengaluru: Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology (NMIT) held 'Samanvaya 2026', an industry-academia connection expo, on Wednesday. Inaugurating the expo, National Institute of Advanced Studies Director Dr Shailesh Nayak called for the need to bridge the gap between environmental initiatives and developmental requirements. The expo featured 373 projects by final-year engineering students, aimed at addressing real-world challenges. NMIT Principal Dr HC Nagaraj delivered the welcome address and Department of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence head Dr Prashanth provided a concise overview of the expo. Prof Dr Ramachandra A C of the Department of Electronics and Communication laid out a report of developments at the institution. Nitte Education Trust trustee Rohit Punja presided over the inaugural ceremony. Nitte (Deemed-to-be University) Vice-President Dr Sandeep Shastri, Coir Board member C S Prakash, retired ISRO scientist Prof K R Sridhara Murthi and others were present. **ENS**

Erroneous e-khata papers can be withdrawn

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

RESIDENTS will now be allowed to withdraw erroneous e-khata applications.

Special Commissioner (Revenue & IT) Munish Moudgil, who led a workshop on Wednesday to brief officers on the recent reforms and enhancements introduced in the e-khata system, said 13.05 lakh property owners have enabled online e-khata services.

They can now seamlessly download their e-khata certificates and apply for final e-khata through the online system, significantly reducing dependency on manual processes. Officers were oriented on the revised application workflows and approval mechanisms.

Moudgil said citizens have now been enabled to self-modify select property details online, minimising the need to visit offices for routine corrections and approvals.

In addition, a provision has been introduced allowing applicants to withdraw erroneous e-khata applications, thereby improving flexibility and reducing procedural bottlenecks, he said.

The system now incorporates auto-validation and approval for properties marked as "ready for transaction/registration", based on the uploading and verification of the Encumbrance Certificate, thereby expediting the process for property transactions.

Upa Lokayukta takes action on Palike Bazaar report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

TAKING suo motu cognisance of TNIE's March 31 report on the state of the underground Palike Bazaar, Upa Lokayukta Justice K N Phaneendra registered a case against Assistant Executive Engineers Farzana and Madhura of Bengaluru West City Corporation and Giriraj, police inspector of Vijayanagar traffic police station.

To examine whether there was any inaction or maladministration on the part of the authorities concerned and treating TNIE's report as source material to exercise suo moto power under Section 7(2) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, the Upa Lokayukta on Wednesday issued notice and summons to

the trio. He also directed them to take all measures to redress grievances, if any, as highlighted in the report, immediately and submit the action taken report in person by June 10, the next date of hearing.

The TNIE report highlighted that all 79 shops in Krishnadevaraya Palike Bazaar, constructed at a cost of Rs 13 crore, remain shut, despite facilities like escalators, air conditioning and a lift, and vendors to whom these shops were allotted continue to run their businesses on the footpath near the Vi-

jaynagar Metro station.

Citing the TNIE report, Justice Phaneendra stated that most of the vendors encroached the footpath and road in front of the bazaar and Metro station.

Therefore, it can be ascertained that due lack of measures by the authorities concerned, taxpayers' money, which was spent on the construction of the bazaar, was being wasted, and pedestrians and other users of the road are being inconvenienced, he added.



UNDERGROUND PALIKE BAZAAR A FLOP, VENDORS PREFER FOOTPATH

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHS

07th May: Completely Capricorn Moon It's not uncommon for the final 10% of a project to require more time than any other part. It's hard to let go. Every detail that came together throughout the entire process seems important and refinable. This is where your style comes into play. A meal plated beautifully, a message crafted well, a room left better than you found it - it's all about ending with a flourish.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

You're don't mistake attention for love. Nor do you mistake proximity for someone needing you for love. You've refined your definition of love - you know what it is, so when the real thing appears, you recognize it immediately.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)

In the movies, connections happen at just the right moment. Because they have to. Otherwise movies would last for weeks. Real life takes patience. But hang in there and you'll still get moments of perfect connection that are practically cinematic.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

You can't right every wrong, but you can make sure you're not part of the problem. You'll make a difference. You don't have to serve up the justice to be on the right side of history.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

What was a loose collection of ideas is shaping into a more concrete personal code. Maybe you haven't formally drawn it out yet, but these principles you actually follow lead you to live with a strong foundation of integrity and self-respect.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

We can't control how people know and perceive us, but you steer things in an interesting way. You're like a character in a novel today -- vivid and memorable. People experience interactions with you as a kind of heightened reality.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

You want support that doesn't need a lot of instruction. It's not too much to ask. There are people out there who will tune in, listen close and have a broad enough capability to cater their help to you specifically.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

When you plan, you create your life. When you wing it, you create your life. There's never a moment when you're not creating your life. Today you'll relax and enjoy various modalities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

You've got a kind of charged, buzzy energy today. Instead of work dealing you, the pressure and problem-solving are fueling you. Tackling challenges gives you energy. Adrenaline is doing its magic trick.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You're developing a new style, and it's something all your own. You'll set a personal standard for one daily action, and you'll meet it with flair. Competence grows from repetition. Self-regard follows.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

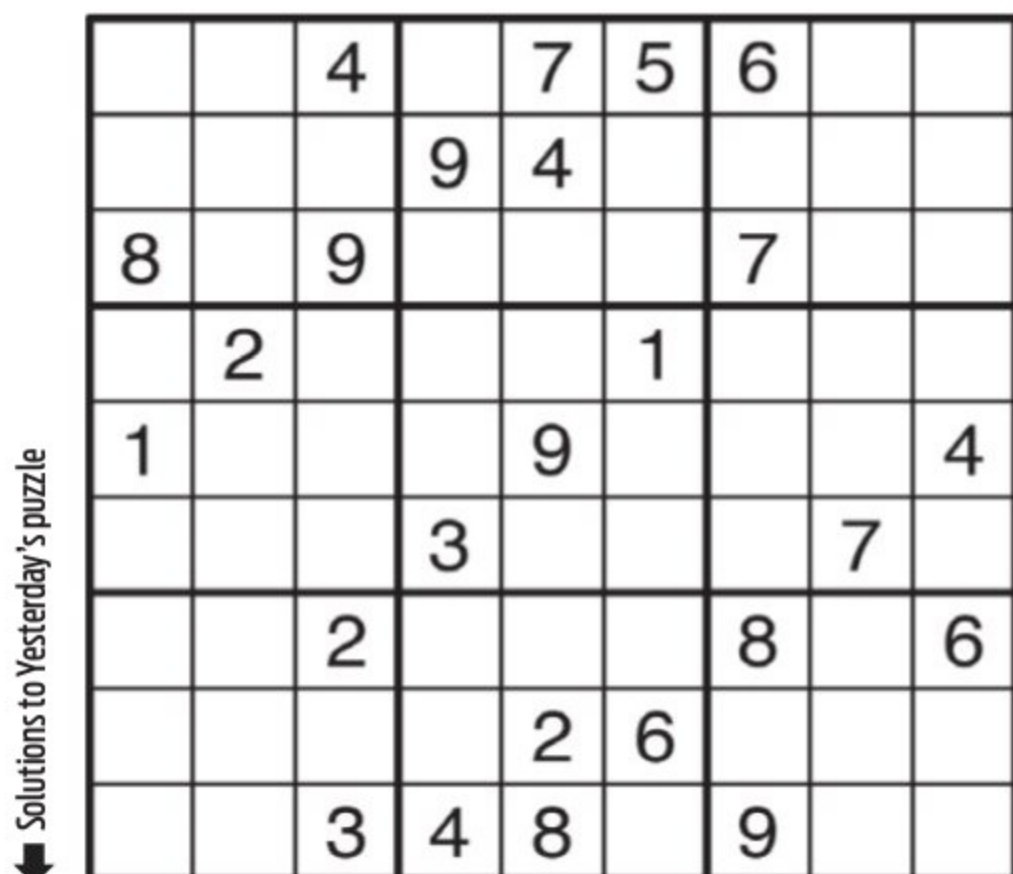
You could curate a personal "evidence archive" of recent moments you handled so well - emails sent, decisions made, boundaries held. But you don't need to make a case for your capability. You live it, they see it, and it's enough.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Love seems to be chasing you. You can try to turn it down, but love is like a bird. It sees you from a high level, predicts your next move, and will meet you with surprises you didn't see coming.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)

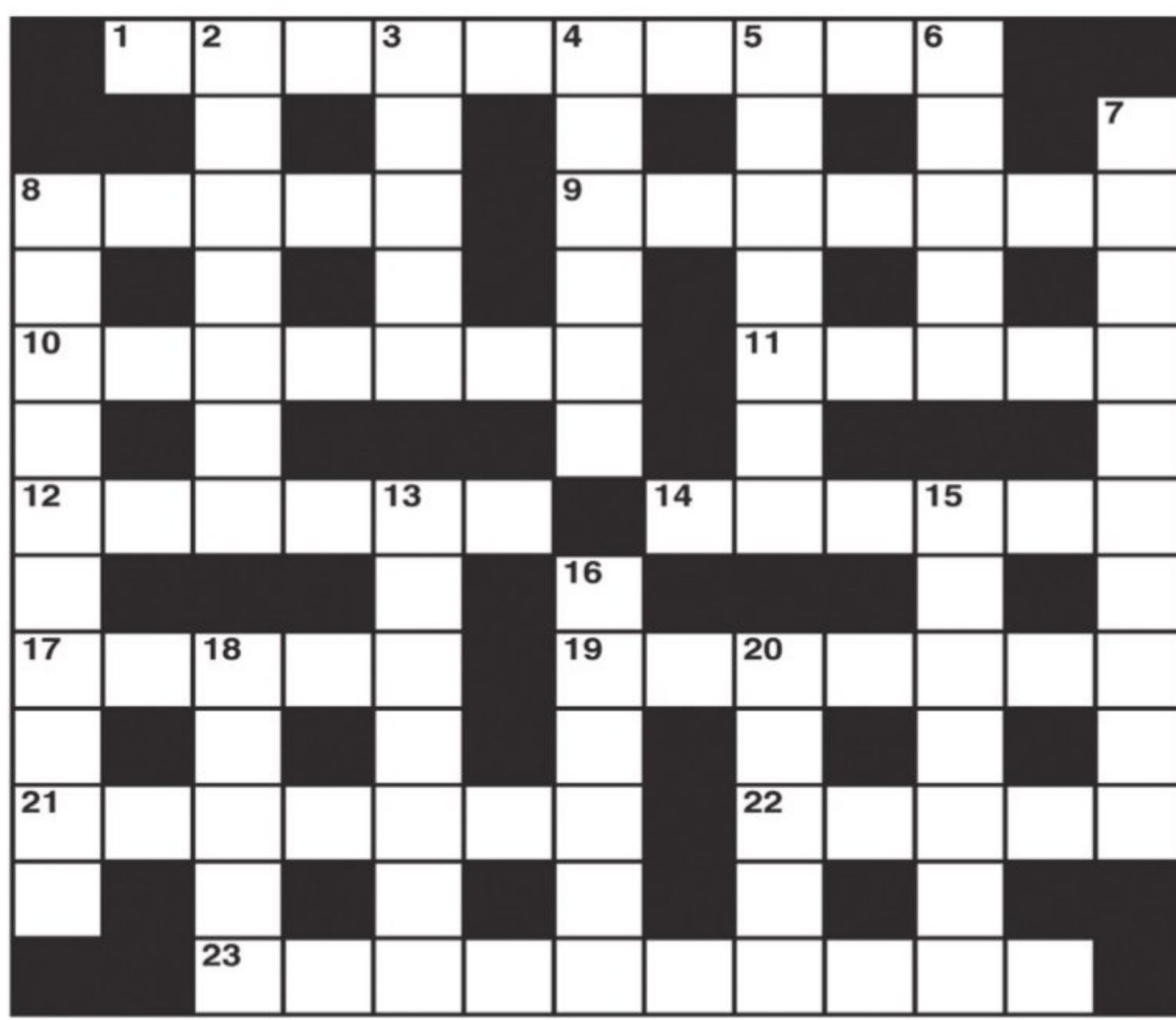
Out with the old, but pause on "the new" part. Because there's so much "new" to choose from. Shop around. Who knows, maybe life without "the new" will feel so spacious and free that "nothing new" will suffice for a while.



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ACROSS

- It gives a good view of piano on platform (10)
- Look into a reduction in political influence (5)
- It measures the strength of the current (7)
- Vague redhead unable to reform (7)
- Missile pointlessly limited in range (5)
- Is and isn't one way to be emphatic (6)
- They also multiply naturally (6)
- Lee is out to get a girl (5)
- Point to observe about a top runner (7)
- Got together after an important point cropped up (7)
- Author from Inverness (5)
- An improvisation may do so without affectation (3,2,2,3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

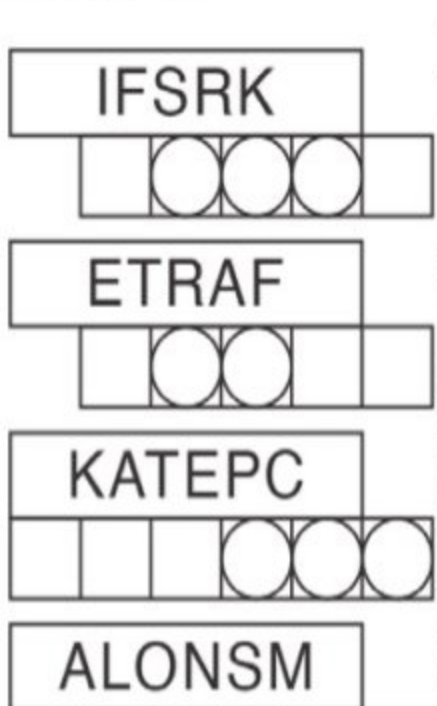
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DOWN

- Figure the mob rush out to see (7)
- Place of birth (5)
- Point and linger when the night sky's clear (6)
- Supply musicians as sign of mourning perhaps (7)
- Put off Ted's rise with hesitation (5)
- Extra work (5,5)
- Thought one had respected others' feelings (10)
- Quickness of the hand is unimportant we hear (7)
- A charlatan is relying on experience (7)
- Be embarrassed by a Marxist study (6)
- It's expensive and going up all the time (5)
- A spelling bee? (5)

JUMBLE

BY ANDREW L. HOYT
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Yesterday's Jumbles: AFOOT RIGOR GLOSSY LIZARD
Answer: They took the day off to just watch TV, and midway through it was -- "SOFA", SO GOOD

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(Answers tomorrow)

TRANSFORMING CONNECTIVITY, ACCELERATING PROGRESS



Uttar Pradesh's journey towards becoming a trillion-dollar economy is being driven by a decisive focus on infrastructure development. Recognised as the foundation for attracting investment and enabling economic expansion, robust infrastructure has emerged as the state's strongest growth engine.

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh has witnessed a transformative shift in connectivity across roads, expressways, aviation, rail, and waterways. Over the past nine years, the unprecedented pace of development has not only accelerated mobility within the state but has also positioned Uttar Pradesh as a preferred destination for national and global investment.



Nine years of new Uttar Pradesh Transformational infrastructure development



Uttar Pradesh accounts for 55% of India's total expressway network coverage, with 9 expressways operational and 13 in the Various Dimensions of Development



The state has the highest number of airports in the country (17, including 12 domestic), with key hubs at Kushinagar, Varanasi, Lucknow, Ayodhya, and Noida International Airport (Jewar) in Uttar Pradesh



India's first Rapid Rail (RTS) 'Namo Bharat' operational between Delhi and Meerut



Metro rail services operational in 7 cities, Noida, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra and Meerut



Launch of the world's longest river cruise service on the Ganga between Varanasi and Haldia (Ganga Vilas)



India's first urban ropeway in Varanasi (Cantt Railway Station to Kashi Vishwanath Dham, Godowlia) nearing completion

Expressways driving growth and speed



Connectivity as the foundation of a developed Uttar Pradesh

- The state has India's largest rail network, spanning approximately 16,000 km
- 90 national highways pass through Uttar Pradesh, which ranks second in the country in highway expansion
- Over 1,050 km of the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor runs through the state, accelerating industrial supply chains
- 11 out of India's 111 national waterways are located in Uttar Pradesh, strengthening its position as North India's logistics gateway
- 425 km of National Waterway-1 (Varanasi-Haldia) lies in Uttar Pradesh, with plans underway to extend it to Ayodhya
- The national highway network has more than doubled in the last nine years
- With the highest number of expressways, Uttar Pradesh is rapidly emerging as a logistics hub of India
- India's first freight village is being developed in Varanasi across 100 acres



- India's first multi-modal terminal established in Varanasi; terminals and freight villages being developed in Ramnagar, Chandauli, Mirzapur, and Ghazipur
- Around 19 km of roads are being constructed, widened, or upgraded every day
- Since April 2017, 35,433 km of rural roads have been newly constructed across the state

With integrated infrastructure, seamless connectivity, and sustained policy focus, Uttar Pradesh is redefining growth through mobility. From expressways to airways, railways to waterways, the state is building a future-ready ecosystem, one that is driving investment, enabling industry, and accelerating its march towards becoming a trillion-dollar economy.

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THE ongoing wars in Ukraine, Russia and West Asia have rocked the world and taken a toll on people across countries. Uncertainty, loss of life, jobs, inflation and fear of the unknown are creating havoc, leading to stress, unease, unrest, and breakdown of relationships, among other lifestyle issues. These negative feelings are getting manifested into violence, road rage, mental disquiet, abuse and self-harm. Increasing self-centredness in people and lack of intra and interpersonal communication are largely the reasons for the growing angst.

“There is a breakdown of communication. Tapas (self-discipline/austerity) is zero in people today. People are so impulsive and self-centered they don’t consider others’ point of view. This is leading to conflict. When there is prejudice, you don’t listen to others’ point of view,” said spiritual guru and Founder of The Art of Living (AoL) Gurudev Sri Sri Ravisankar, in an exclusive interview with TNIE, ahead of his 70th birthday on May 13.

Excerpts:

As a spiritual healer, what do you think are the biggest challenges confronting humanity today?
Breakdown of communication and lack of awareness about caring and sharing (are the biggest challenges).

There is so much conflict and unrest in the world. At an individual level, we see a lot of stress and anxiety. What is your message to people?
Young people today are facing a lot of challenges about inner conflict. This is because our tolerance level is low. Science says when the Anterior Cingulate Cortex (ACC) part of the brain weakens and shrinks, our tolerance level is also low. That is why tapasvis (hermits) say that endure something even though you don’t like it. It helps the ACC grow and become stronger. Tapas is lacking today. It’s almost zero now. This is the reason people are so impulsive. And if you are impulsive, you are self-centered and don’t consider others’ point of view. They either go into depression or become aggressive. Both are not healthy for society or normal life. This is where pranayam, kriya and meditation help peo-



‘BREAKDOWN OF COMMUNICATION BIGGEST CHALLENGE BEFORE HUMANITY TODAY’

ple gain their inner strength.

Does spirituality help young people? How do you introduce spirituality to them?
Today, we find bhajan clubbing in many places. Initially, we started it several years ago, with young people singing bhajans in Argentina around 2012, 2013 and 2014. Our Latin American bhajan singers went to bars and requested bar owners to stop serving hard drinks for one or two hours and serve only soft drinks. During that time, they sang musical bhajans and invited people to join in. It was successful. It came out in the news and spread to many bars. Initially, it sounded odd, why would someone take bhajans to bars? But I felt there was no harm in it. Just as they (social workers and spiritual healers) visit jails to help reform prisoners, this is another way of intoxication through spiritual ecstasy rather than alcohol and other addictive substances. In this way, we can help many young people come out of addiction to intoxicants.

Is shrinking attention span and growing restlessness be-

cause of a lack of role models in society?
No, it is because of too much bombardment on the mind with too many impulses and impressions. This makes the mind cluttered, reducing clarity, vision and focus. Meditation helps bring that back.

Meditation is an age-old practice. Do you think it is necessary, more so now because of increasing stress?
Meditation is more relevant today than before. It is no longer a luxury, it has become a necessity.

How much time should a person meditate in a day? People say they don’t have time.
If you meditate you actually gain time because you get deep rest in a short time. Even 10 minutes a day is enough. It is like mental hygiene, just as brushing your teeth is part of daily hygiene.

Can you take us back to your early days; from a young boy to a spiritual leader?
For me, spirituality was like fish is to water. From a very young age, I was entrenched in

it. While talking to my peers, many times I used to feel out of place. They would talk about cricket and other things, which did not mean much to me at that age. In my younger days I preferred spending time with elderly people. After school hours, I used to spend time with my teacher, Pandit Sudhakar Chaturvedi, who was also with Mahatma Gandhi for 40 years. Then I spent time with Maharshi Mahesh Yogi (founder of Transcendental Meditation).

How and when did you found the Art of Living (AoL)?
I was 24 years old when I started AoL. Since then, things have unfolded like a poem. In the beginning, there were a lot of challenges. I had to face a lot of prejudice in the world, from within India and from the West. This happens if you are not from an established matha or tradition, and are teaching something new. The younger generation accepted it, but the older generation was skeptical. Yoga was not so popular when I was teaching. People thought they would go to the Himalayas or run away from home. They could not re-

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late to meditation and yoga to a normal family or social family. This was a challenge. Our tradition did not have a very good name then. In the West also, when people spoke of yoga or meditation, they were quite skeptical. In fact, there was a lot of resistance in those days. That is why I coined the name Art of Living’. The curiosity drew interest in people. They would come and do pranayama and yoga. Acceptance then became easier.

You were appointed to Sri Ram Mandir (Ayodhya) mediation panel and had suggested an out-of-court settlement to make way for construction of the Ram Temple at the disputed site. Can you tell us about your involvement in the issue?
I got involved in it when former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee asked me to talk to the Muslim Personal Law Board members and other leaders. I held talks and gave them a proposal. After so many years, the same proposal was discussed for mediation. I am a Science student, I studied Physics and Mathematics. I am not a lawyer, and know nothing of the legal fraternity. But I met the legal team and around 1,200 imams. I also went around the country, spoke to them and convinced them that they should come to terms and learn to live together. The mediation went on. Basically, we had proposed to give five acres of land to them and in return they relinquished the (Babri Masjid) land for the temple. This is what eventually happened.

You were also involved in solving militancy in Kashmir. What was your role?

There is a need for a change of heart and awareness in people. Change can happen only when you approach (a problem) with that attitude. Dialogue is very important. In Kashmir we also did a de-radicalization programme. People do not see beyond when they are in a circle. They keep thinking the same thing. Prejudice is a very big issue. When there is prejudice, you do not listen to the other’s point of view. We made a small effort to help people drop their prejudice.

How did you help break prejudices?

It was by God’s grace. When people came, they saw that we were sincere. They felt the spiritual energy which went a step beyond one’s religious faith and belief system. That energy impacted the heart and mind and helped people to open up and listen (to other viewpoints). They then dropped prejudice and began to see the result in their own lives.

How does the Art of Living Foundation’s Sudarshan Kriya help people?

Sudarshan Kriya has been shown to support both mental and physical wellbeing. Around 700 research papers from various institutions have been published from around the world and they highlighted benefits such as reducing stress by lowering cortisol levels, strengthening immunity, improving mental alertness and clarity, and enhancing overall emo-

tional balance. It also suppresses 300 genes in our body which cause Alzheimer’s Disease, cancer and many other diseases. So multiple benefits have again and again proved it to be a good practice. This is something that can be practiced regularly to maintain inner balance and resilience.

Should these practices also reach youngsters?

Yes, absolutely. These programmes are already being adopted across many industries in the country. Even the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) is conducting such sessions for bureaucrats. Many officials come, attend two or three sessions, and experience a complete transformation. This shows how relevant and necessary these practices have become in modern life.

In some countries, prison sentences are reduced for those who practice these techniques (Sudarshan Kriya, meditation etc).... do you think the same should be done in India?

Many prisons around the world have done this, reducing prison terms based on reform and good conduct. In some countries, term sentences also gets reduced by 10-30 per cent. India also has some systems that reward better behaviour and sincere practice.

How do you de-stress after listening to so many people’s worries every day?

First, you should ask if I get stressed. I don’t let things in, so there is nothing to let go. Wisdom and awareness help keep a distance from stress.

How do you view life?

As a dream. The past is a dream, the future is another dream and the call is to wake up from it.

PM to address Art of Living’s 45th anniversary celebrations

BENGALURU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the 45th anniversary celebrations of The Art of Living Foundation on May 10, marking the 70th birthday of its founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. The event will bring together participants from over 182 countries, both online and offline, in what organisers describe as a landmark global gathering. The PM is expected to deliver the keynote address and inaugurate a newly constructed Dhyana Mandir, a dedicated meditation hall. The celebrations will also feature nationwide service initiatives focusing on mental well-being, rural development, environmental conservation and social transformation. The event will host global leadership dialogues and policy roundtables on governance, business, education and civil society, alongside cultural festivals showcasing artistic traditions from across participating nations. A global meditation for world peace, led by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar on May 13, will be open to participants worldwide. Additional highlights include recognition of “unsung heroes” across more than 450 districts in India and a policy roundtable on prisoner welfare and reforms. A BIMSTEC Youth Leadership Exchange, organised with the Ministry of External Affairs, will also bring together young leaders from member nations.



Modi to address party workers at HAL Airport on Sunday

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will address BJP workers from Bengaluru near HAL Airport on May 10. With Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) polls likely to be held this year, BJP is gearing up for polls with Modi addressing a large gathering on Sunday. Leader of Opposition R Ashoka and other senior MLAs from Bengaluru convened a meeting at the party office where he held a preparation meeting with BJP MLAs, former BBMP councillors, and block presidents of various assembly segments from Bengaluru on Wednesday.

Ashoka said they are planning to felicitate Modi who is coming to Bengaluru to attend an Art of Living event on Sunday. “PM will reach HAL Airport at 9am, where BJP workers are planning to felicitate him. Because of him, BJP won West Bengal, Assam, Puducherry and even in Kerala, we have won three seats. Entire nation has accepted his leadership,” he said. According to Ashoka, Modi will be addressing party workers from Bengaluru and over 15,000 party workers are expected to attend the event. “PM has given half-an-hour’s time for this event. He will then leave for Art of Living,” Ashoka said.

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Amit Shah is taking part in former chief minister BS Yediyurappa’s Abhimantsava, an event to mark 50 years of Yediyurappa’s electoral politics, in Chitradurga on May 9.

GREY AND WISE YOUNGEST



K’TAKA CM SIDDARAMAIAH 78 YEARS AP CM N CHANDRABABU NAIDU, 75 YEARS MIZORAM CM LALDUHOMA 74 YEARS NAGALAND CM NEIPHIU RIO 74 YEARS ARUNACHAL PRADESH CM PEMAKHANDU, 46

With Vijayan resigning, Siddu now eldest CM

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WITH the LDF losing the Kerala Assembly elections and 80-year-old Pinarayi Vijayan resigning as the state’s chief minister, his Karnataka counterpart, 78-year-old Siddaramaiah, has now become the oldest chief minister in the country. Others in the list are Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu (75), and Mizoram CM Lalduhoma and Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio, who are 74. Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu is the country’s youngest CM, aged 46.

Siddaramaiah first became an MLA in 1983, aged 36. Since then, he has held many posts, including minister, LoP, and now a two-time CM. He also has

a record of presenting 17 state budgets. Siddaramaiah has now become Karnataka’s longest serving CM, surpassing the record of D Devaraj Urs. Urs held the post for two terms and was in office for 7 years and 239 days. Siddaramaiah has been holding the post since May 2023, after serving a full term between 2013 and 2018.

Siddaramaiah is now 78 years and nine months old. No other person has held the top post in Karnataka at this age. When BJP strongman BS Yediyurappa resigned as CM in July 2021, he was 78 years and five months old. While SM Krishna was 72 when he quit in 2004, JH Patel and Dharam Singh were 69. R Gundu Rao was the state’s youngest CM at 43 when he took oath in 1980.

Allies need to rethink: Ashoka on Cong ditching DMK

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LEADER of Opposition R Ashoka has said that the true colour of the Congress has been revealed after it joined hands with Vijay’s TVK in Tamil Nadu, ditching its long-

time ally, the DMK. “Now any party that wants to have an alliance with the Congress needs to rethink,” Ashoka said.

The Congress has entered into an alliance with TVK, breaking its pre-poll alliance with the DMK. Speaking to reporters on Wednesday, Ashoka

Will contest Sringeri results in court: Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced that the Congress will challenge the Sringeri election recount results in court, alleging that BJP members and election staff tampered with ballot papers — a move he described as a criminal conspiracy.

Speaking to reporters at Mysuru Airport on Wednesday, Siddaramaiah accused the BJP of orchestrating the manipula-

tion during vote counting.

“Of the 255 eligible votes cast for Rajegowda, all were disqualified. The BJP was in power at the time, and the ballot papers were tampered with by its members and election staff. This constitutes a criminal conspiracy. Hence, we will contest the Sringeri results in court,” he said.

On the Congress’ victories in the Davangere South and Bagalkot bypolls, the CM attributed the success to public

appreciation of the party’s government schemes. “The results show that the people value the Congress government’s initiatives. Opposition parties have no concrete strategy... they only resort to tricks,” he added.

On a potential change in the CM, Siddaramaiah affirmed that the Congress government will complete its five-year term. “I am committed to following the party high command’s decisions regarding any leadership changes. I have

no information about a CM change, but I will meet the high command in New Delhi if called,” he said.

On local body elections, the CM confirmed that they would be held soon.

On the issue of Kannadigas allegedly being overlooked for promotions in the Railways, Siddaramaiah clarified that these exams are conducted by the Union Government and reflect its biased approach toward Kannadigas.



COME RAIN OR SHINE...

Despite soaring mercury levels, it’s a hard days work for these labourers who load cauliflowers onto a truck for transportation, in Chikkamagaluru, on Wednesday | p1

Sunil wins Mettupalayam, says proud to be Kannadiga

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@ Tumakuru

WITH Sunil Anand (53) winning the Mettupalayam seat in Tamil Nadu from Joseph Vijay’s Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), his relatives back home here are celebrating his victory and anticipating him to become a minister. His maternal grandfather BC Lingaiah was a former Mayor of Mysuru. Vontikoppal Circle is likely to be named after him.

Sunil an agriculturist-cum-businessman has his roots in Vadakeghatta village of Turuvekere taluk. One of his uncles from the same village, HB Nanje Gowda (Murthy), was a former Janata Dal MLA (1994). “Sunil keeps coming here for family functions and religious events. He is a very good organiser and pro-people,” Nanje Gowda told TNIE.

He is the only Kannadiga to win in the Tamil Nadu assem-

bly elections this time. He was with the All-India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam earlier, but sensing the momentum in favour of Vijay, he switched to TVK two years ago. He polled 75,664 votes and won by a margin of 7,768, defeating Kavitha Kalyanasundaram (67,896).

His family had migrated to Ooty and later settled in Mettupalayam, where he pursued agriculture and business. His paternal grandfather HL Linge Gowda was a municipality chairman in Mettupalayam and father Nagaraju, who succumbed to Covid, was a businessman. Besides Tamil Nadu, he has his businesses in Mysuru too and other places.

“I am a proud Kannadiga. I keep coming to my village four to five times a year to worship my family deity Mayamma and Kalabyavreshwara of Adichunchanagiri,” he told *The New Indian Express* over phone.



INDIA'S 1ST PRISON CHILD CARE UNIT AT CENTRAL JAIL

Nine kids are taken care of with health check-ups, quality education

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WOMEN facing prison sentences often have infants or young children who depend entirely on them. With little or no family support, these children end up living inside prison premises alongside their mothers, despite having committed no crime. Addressing this concern, the Directorate of Child Protection (DCP) in Karnataka has established India's first Government Special Child Care Institution (GSCCI) within the women's wing of Parappana Agrahara Central Jail in Bengaluru—marking a first-of-its-kind child care facility in the country.

The unit was established with an aim to provide basic education to these vulnerable children up to the age of six years. The unit also provides a nurturing environment for their cognitive and emotional growth.

CV Sneha, Director, Directorate of Child Protection, Karnataka, informed that GSCCI has been allotted two teachers who teach everything to these children, right from the alphabet, numbers, rhymes, creative arts, and awareness on safe and unsafe touch. In addition to this, they are exposed to awareness and personality development skills like table manners, greeting elders and teachers and more.

Asha HK, DCP officer, District Child Protection Office, Bengaluru West (Anekal) said, "As per the Supreme Court and the prison manuals, children below the age of 6 years are al-



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KEY ASPECTS OF THE FACILITY

Purpose: The unit ensures education, rights, and nurturing care for children and bring a positive change in the mindset of women inmates

Infrastructure: The facility includes child-friendly toilets, wall paintings, handwashing stations and an integrated play-cum-learning space

Backed by: This scheme is framed in line with the Mission Vatsalya: Child Protection Scheme of the Centre, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2025, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

Future plans: Providing nutritious food along with other health supplements

lowed to stay with their mothers in prison. We ensure their protection, development and school readiness."

She added, "Once the child completes six years, we approach their family members to take care of them. In case of no response, we approach NGOs that are registered with the government and under the

JJ Act for further care and education."

Currently, nine children in prison are taken care of with health check-ups and quality education. The institution has been established with the support of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) for children with incarcerated mothers.

A senior official said that among the nine children, three of them belong to foreign nationals. "These foreign women were involved in crimes related to narcotics. Since their children are too young and vulnerable, they are housed along with their mothers. This organisation transformed the confined environment of the prison into a learning sanctuary. The officers and staff of the DCP unit, in coordination with the artists and workers, painted the walls of the classroom with artistic murals. Child-friendly modern sanitation facilities, including toilets and handwashing stations, have been upgraded using funds released by the DCP."

Love & tragedy: Teen kills self, 26-yr-old woman booked

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A 15-year-old boy died by suicide allegedly after his parents forced him to stay away from a 26-year-old woman with whom he was close. The victim had also expressed his wish to marry the woman and had left his home after his parents repeatedly advised him not to meet her.

The boy has been identified as R Thanmay Nayak, a resident of Bhoomika Pruthvi Layout in Bidadi. He consumed poison on April 24 and died while undergoing treatment on May 3. His father, 44-year-old C Ravi Nayak, filed a complaint

against the woman, identified as HN Shobha from Bidadi, on May 4, based on which the Channarayana Rural police in Bengaluru South district registered a case of abetment of suicide against her.

Ravi runs a fruit stall at Bidadi town where Shobha was an employee. Thanmay, a student at a private school in Bidadi town, became close to Shobha. After his parents found out, they filed a complaint against her with the Bidadi police in March. The police had summoned and warned her.

However, she is accused of staying in touch with the minor boy through social media.

When Thanmay's parents repeatedly told him to sever all contact with her, he is said to have left home around 25 days back and had been staying at his friend's house. The boy is also said to have told his father that he wanted to marry Shobha or he would end his life as "encouraged" by her.

"Around 3 pm on April 24, Thanmay called his mother from his friend's house and told her that he consumed poison as he does not wish to live anymore. The boy was admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru and died on May 3. During treatment, he is said to have told his parents that he

had a fight with Shobha and decided to take the extreme step. The case is still under investigation and no arrests have been made yet," said an officer. Further investigations are on.

CALL FOR HELP

If you are having suicidal thoughts, or are worried about a friend or need emotional support, someone is always there to listen. Call Sneha Foundation - 04424640050, Tele Manas - 14416 (available 24x7) or iCall, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' helpline - 02225521111, which is available Monday to Saturday from 8 am to 10 pm.

Man goes to meet dating app 'friend', gets robbed, 4 held

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THE Yelahanka police have busted a gang that used to target victims active on dating apps. The police zeroed in on the accused after a 27-year-old civil engineer was brutally attacked and robbed by four persons, including two minors whom he met through a dating app. The gang is said to have been involved in robbing eight dating app users. All the four have been arrested.

The incident happened near the Palanahalli Gate on Jayamuni Layout Road in Venkata between 7 pm and 7.45 pm on May 1. The victim, a resident of Brindavan Layout in Chikkajala, gave his statements to the police at the hospital. The hospital had reported the matter to the police as it was a medico-legal case. Ajith (name changed), in his complaint, stated that he had been using a dating app for the past three years. He had befriended a person on the app, and after a phone call went to

meet the caller at Palanahalli Gate. When Ajith went there, he saw four people who took him towards Venkata Underpass and proceeded along Jayamuni Layout Main Road. The accused then started threatening him that they would inform his friends and parents, which would humiliate him. They demanded money from him, abused and threatened him. One of them also snatched his mobile phone.

The four of them then took him to a deserted area near a private school and threatened him at knife point to reveal his UPI password. When Ajith attempted to escape, the accused restrained him and forcibly obtained his mobile password and transferred Rs 16,000 through UPI. They then abandoned him along with the phone and fled the spot. His friend came to the spot and took him on a two-wheeler to a private hospital on Bagalur Main Road.

"The accused are habitual offenders. They target victims active on dating apps," said an officer.

EXPRESS READ Sleaze-video row: Govt revokes suspension of over IPS officer Dr Ramachandra Rao



BENGALURU: The state government on Wednesday withdrew the suspension order of 1993 batch IPS officer Dr K Ramachandra Rao. He was suspended on January 19, 2026, by the state government, stating that he had acted in an obscene manner, which is unbecoming of a government servant and also for causing embarrassment to the government. A video of him found in a compromising position with a woman in his office went viral. He was caught on camera while kissing and cuddling with a woman while he was in uniform. He has been reinstated in the service with immediate effect and appointed as the 'Director General of Police (Police Manual)'. The post is equivalent to the post of DGP, CID. **ENS**

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Tickets to MLAs, shifting of IPL final not linked: DKS

Says Ahmedabad has a larger stadium with higher seating capacity



Stadium exists for fans, not for VIPs, says Nikhil

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

JDS youth wing state president **Nikhil Kumaraswamy** launched a sharp attack on the Karnataka government, blaming the greed for free tickets and VVIP passes among legislators for the IPL final being shifted from Bengaluru to Ahmedabad.

Nikhil sarcastically congratulated the state's leaders, saying they had "gifted" the IPL final to Ahmedabad owing to their obsession with VVIP passes.

"The stadium exists for cricket fans, not for VIPs," he reiterated.

He expressed disappointment that the mania for free tickets among some legislators had caused the prestigious IPL final to slip out of Bengaluru's hands. Referring to the BCCI's decision, Kumaraswamy said it should serve as a "wake-up call" for the State Government.

"By turning the Chinnaswamy Stadium into their personal ticket counter, some people's irresponsible behaviour has cost us not just one match, but Bengaluru's national prestige," he said. Sources, however, said legislators of all three main political parties, including Nikhil's JDS, had lined up for passes at the KSCA.



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Nikhil Kumaraswamy, JDS youth wing prez

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KARNATAKA Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Wednesday denied allegations that the IPL final, which was supposed to be held in Bengaluru, was shifted to Ahmedabad due to demands for IPL tickets from MLAs.

"No connection between match tickets to MLAs and IPL final venue shift," he said.

He told reporters that Ahmedabad has a bigger stadium and can accommodate more spectators. That could be the reason why the IPL final match was shifted there. There is no connection between the distribution of tickets to MLAs and the shifting of the final match, he stated. When questioned, he stated that in other places, 50 per cent of the tickets are reserved.

On the Board of Control for Cricket in India stating that the decision to shift was made due to the ticket issue, he said, "Let them make such a statement. I will give an appropriate response to that."

DELHI VISIT

On his and chief minister's visit to Delhi, he said, "We will go when they (the High Command) call us. It is not right to go without being called," he added. Asked about Congress supporting TVK in Tamil Nadu, he said, this decision has been made to keep BJP away from power and to keep secular forces united. "Despite pressure from AIADMK and BJP, TVK did not ally with them. Our party has decided this for the sake of secular forces and for the welfare of Tamil Nadu" he said.



COMMUTER ALERT

The stretch between Navrang Junction and Vatal Nagaraj Road is closed for white-topping work | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Living with spouse only 6-7 months no reason to deny maintenance: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court pointed out that the family court has not followed the object and scope of Section 24 of the Hindu Marriage Act by rejecting an application filed by a wife for interim maintenance and litigation expenses on the ground that she lived with her husband for only 6-7 months. The high court remitted the matter back to the family court to consider the application afresh and pass orders.

Justice Dr K Manmadha Rao passed the order while disposing of the petition filed by a 24-year-old woman from Bengaluru, challenging the order dated September 17, 2025, passed

by the VI additional principal judge, family court in the city.

Setting aside the order, the court said the matter has to be remitted back to the family court for fresh consideration on the affidavit of assets and liabilities concerned, along with other materials and to pass appropriate orders. The wife filed the interlocutory application under Section 24 of the Act, seeking interim maintenance of Rs 50,000 per month and litigation expenses of Rs 1 lakh. The husband filed his objections to it.

The family court dismissed her application, stating that she lived with her husband for only about 6-7 months, and is not entitled to any interim maintenance and litigation expenses

and posted the matter for evidence. The woman's counsel submitted that she is studying BCom and is unemployed, while the husband works in Dubai as an accountant and is earning Rs 8 lakh per month. The husband's counsel submitted that the woman falsely contended that she is studying BCom and not employed. In fact, she is financially stable, the counsel submitted. Though the husband repeatedly requested her to join him in Dubai, the wife refused. The petition has to be dismissed, he prayed before the court.

The court said the primary objective of the provisions of Section 24 is to provide financial support to the claimant spouse, enabling them to maintain themselves and sustain the legal proceedings.

CLIMATE WARNING

Minister directs officials to be prepared for El Nino effects

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

MINISTER for Minor Irrigation and Science and Technology NS Boseraju on Wednesday directed officials to be prepared for the El Nino weather impact.

He directed officials across the state to ensure that all leakages are plugged in tanks, reservoirs and other water bodies coming under the minor irrigation department. He held a high-level meeting on water security and drought preparedness in view of El Nino. He directed officials across 18 divisions to prevent leakages and stressed on the need to recharge groundwater and mandate rainwater harvesting to ensure there is no water stress across the state.

Also present at the meeting were scientists from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), experts from KRSAC, KSNDMC, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), and engineers from the minor irrigation department.

During the meeting, experts recommended prioritising groundwater recharge initiatives and adopting long-term water conservation strategies for effective management of available water resources. They also stressed the need for large-scale public awareness campaigns promoting rainwater harvesting.

Boseraju said: "We must begin preparing immediately to face the possible impact of El Nino in the coming months. We must aim to prevent water leakage from tanks, dams and reservoirs. Immediate preventive measures must be taken to ensure that even minor water leakages are avoided."



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B'luru hosts 5th BRICS SAI leaders' summit on urban mobility

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INDIA kicked off the 5th BRICS Supreme Audit Institutions -SAI Leaders' Summit in Bengaluru on Wednesday, bringing together top auditors from BRICS nations to address growing challenges of rapid urbanisation under the theme "Ease of Living with a Focus on Urban Mobility."

The two-day summit, convened by the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) of India as part of India's BRICS Chairmanship in 2026, features 42 delegates, including Heads of SAIs from member countries.

The summit was opened with an inaugural address by K Sanjay Murthy, Comptroller and Auditor General of India. This was followed by opening remarks from heads of delegations, who shared national perspectives on auditing the urban sector and mobility initiatives amid the pressures of fast-growing cities, infrastructure needs, and service delivery.

Discussions will be centred on two sub-themes: ease of living; audit of the urban sector and audit of urban mobility. Representatives from Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Russia, South Africa, and the UAE will present on critical issues. These include efficiency of public investments in urban transport, development of sustainability, environmental impacts of urban expansion, accountability mechanisms, and improving quality of life. Participants are expected to explore opportunities for capacity building, modernising audit methods with data-driven.

The summit will conclude on May 8 with the adoption of the BRICS SAI Work Plan 2027-28 and the Bengaluru Declaration.

Adigas Yatra offers up to ₹20k price cut on int'l tours

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ADIGAS Yatra, Karnataka's reputed travel agency, has now announced a bumper discount offer for its tourists. It has announced huge discounts on its international tour packages.

Under the company's 'Namma Guarantee' scheme, tourists can avail discounts ranging from Rs 2,000 up to a maximum of Rs 20,000 on all international tours.

If the maximum discount is not utilised on an international tour, an additional offer of ₹5,000 can be availed on any domestic or international tour. Adigas Yatra is offering this deal for a limited period, and founder K. Nagaraj Adiga has appealed to tourists to take advantage

of such opportunity.

"Over the past year, international tourism has become expensive due to various global crises, rupee depreciation, and the Iran-US conflict in West Asia, among other reasons. Even so, Adigas Yatra is offering this special discount so that tourists are not deprived of a rich experience of exploring countries and enjoying leisure," said Founder and MD K. Nagaraj Adiga. He urged tourists to utilise this limited-period offer.

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INTERNAL STRAIN GRIPS AIADMK, NETAS DIVIDED ON TIE-UP WITH TVK

Party leader KP Munusamy says they'll not support Vijay's party under any circumstance

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

WITH the AIADMK relegated to the third place in Assembly election, signs of internal strain have surfaced within the party over the past two days, and it intensified on Wednesday over the issue of extending support to the TVK in forming the government.

While a sizeable section of office-bearers is said to have pressured party general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami to join hands with TVK, another section remains strongly opposed to it. Senior leader OS Manian, on Tuesday itself, ruled out any support for TVK, but another MLA said talks were going on between the two parties. However, it ended in the evening when AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami addressed a meeting of the newly elected MLAs and senior leaders at his residence.



AIADMK general secretary EPS chairs a meeting of newly elected MLAs | EXPRESS

After the meeting, AIADMK deputy general secretary KP Munusamy announced the party would not support the TVK under any circumstances.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, senior AIADMK leaders, including Cve Shan-



mugam, SP Velumani and KC Karuppannan, held closed-door discussions at Shanmugam's residence before meeting EPS.

Speculation is rife in political circles that Shanmugam en-

joys the backing of nearly 30 MLAs who favour supporting the TVK and sharing power. However, when asked about the party's next course of action, Shanmugam remained guarded, merely stating, "Everything is open and the party will take a decision." When asked about Palaniswami's views, Shanmugam asserted, "The party will take a decision." Responding to questions about MLAs backing him, he remarked cryptically: "I am a single person."

As the senior functionaries were tight-lipped about what transpired in the discussions among the leaders, speculation emerged there was a demand to make Shanmugam the leader of the AIADMK's legislative party. *TNIE* was unable to confirm this. Sources said the AIADMK MLAs, who have been directed to stay in Chennai for the next few days, have fuelled further speculations among them.

Broken alliance puts DMK in a spot

PRABHAKAR TAMILARASU
@ Chennai

THE Congress breaking ranks with the DMK-led alliance in the state and forging a post-poll pact with the TVK has got the Dravidian major in a fix, not just in Tamil Nadu but also on the national stage where Parliament's arithmetic demands coalition numbers.

While a few of Congress leaders have played down the fallout, stating that they would have a working relationship at the national level, political observers in the state say they will now have to navigate a more complicated terrain inside Parliament, where both parties still sit under the INDIA bloc umbrella but without an understanding at the state level.

Arun Kumar, assistant professor of political science department at a private university, said the post-poll alliance of the TVK and the Congress has left the DMK in a tight spot.

"The DMK is very sure of its anti-BJP stand. Though the Congress has left the broad INDIA bloc in Tamil Nadu, the DMK will remain firm against

DMK men assault Vijay supporter at hosp over ringtone

CHENNAI: Two men, alleged to be supporters of DMK, were arrested for assaulting a TVK supporter inside the emergency ward of Kilpauk Medical College (KMC) Hospital after allegedly getting irritated on hearing a ringtone of Vijay's party song. The victim, V Solomon (32), a resident of SS Puram in Otteri and a TVK supporter, was accompanying his father for treatment on Tuesday night. The police said the suspects, identified as E Ambedkar (39) and S Senthil Kumar (46), residents of Chetpet, were visiting a relative and were allegedly under the influence of alcohol. During the argument, the duo allegedly assaulted Solomon, injuring his face and eyes. He was later admitted to the hospital for treatment. Based on Solomon's complaint, the Kilpauk police registered a case and arrested the duo. **ENS**

the BJP, cooperating with the Congress on issue-basis at the national level," said Arun Kumar.

The immediate concern for the DMK is the floor of the Lok Sabha, where the party's MPs will need to take positions on legislation and no-confidence scenarios where the Congress's number is pivotal, Arun Kumar said. DMK party insiders, however, insist that the rupture is driven by the state's shifting electoral dynamics following the TVK's strong debut.

"In Tamil Nadu, though the Congress went with the TVK, the DMK along with its other alliance partners will continue to maintain its position against

the BJP without the grand old party – like in 2014 to 2016," Arun Kumar pointed out, referring to a period when the DMK operated outside any formal alliance structure and still held its anti-BJP line firm.

Sunil Kumar, assistant professor of political science department at Hindustan University, said the DMK will continue to support the Congress on ideological grounds in Parliament.

Central legislations touching on federal issues are likely to be the first real test of whether the DMK-Congress 'working relationship' at the national level can hold without a state-level alliance.

Congress backing Vijay puts spotlight on missed pre-election opportunity

R GOKUL @ Tiruchy

ELECTORAL politics often carries with it its own contradictions. At a time when Congress has extended support to TVK chief Vijay for forming the government, constituency-level results of the Assembly election have reignited the debate on whether a pre-poll alliance between the two parties could have altered the final outcome.

In the 28 constituencies where the Congress, as part of the DMK-led alliance, directly contested against TVK, the national party finished ahead in four seats. Congress eventually

won five constituencies – Vilavancode, Killiyoor and Colachel in Kanniyakumari district, Melur in Madurai district and Mayiladuthurai.

In four of the constituencies, TVK emerged runner-up, while in Mayiladuthurai it slipped to third place, behind PMK. The narrow victory margins in Killiyoor (1,311 votes), Melur (2,724) and Colachel (2,833) reflect how closely fought the contests were despite the larger state-wide momentum witnessed by TVK.

TVK, however, won 19 constituencies against Congress candidates, with victory margins ranging from over 2,500

HEAD-TO-HEAD
Direct contest between TVK and Congress: 28 seats
Seats won by Congress: 5
Seats won by TVK: 19
NARROW VICTORIES BY CONG CANDIDATES
Killiyoor: 1,311 votes
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TVK'S VICTORY MARGIN RANGE: 2,500 to 55,000+ votes
Congress finished 2nd in 10 seats

votes to more than 55,000 votes. Congress finished second in 10 seats and was pushed to third position in several others. In a few constituencies, AIADMK and BJP candidates defeated both Congress and TVK candidates. With TVK falling short of the 118-seat majority mark by 10 seats, and now looking for support from other parties, particularly Congress within the Secular Progressive Alliance (SPA), several TVK functionaries argue that a pre-poll understanding could have helped the party cross the majority mark on its own.

"The decision of our chief to invite Congress to support to



Hoarding of Vijay at Royapuram in Chennai on Wednesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

form the government formation is centred on the welfare of Tamil Nadu. Of course, if

Congress had fought alongside us, it would have benefited both parties in many constituencies," said A Maduraiveeran, who lost the Melur constituency to Congress candidate P Viswanathan by 2,724 votes.

Outgoing Congress MLA S Mangudi, who lost the Karakudi seat to TVK's Dr TK Prabhu, said many Congress legislators and MPs were hesitant about moving away from DMK just before the elections.

"Many of us felt that if Congress wanted to align with TVK, it should have done it well before the election. Leaving DMK and joining the opposite camp at the last moment

could have backfired politically," Mangudi told *TNIE*. A senior Congress functionary admitted that sections within the party were initially sceptical about the fledgling TVK's electoral strength.

Throughout the campaign, Vijay had repeatedly described DMK as TVK's "political enemy" and BJP as its "ideological enemy", while largely avoiding direct criticism of Congress.

Sources within Congress also acknowledged the party maintained a relatively restrained campaign against TVK, reflecting internal uncertainty over future political equations.

TVK impact in Pondy fuels Cong infighting

DEBJANI DUTTA @ Puducherry

THE role of TVK has emerged as a key point of contention within the Puducherry Congress, as the party grapples with internal unrest following its dismal performance in the Assembly elections.

Puducherry Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) vice president PK Devadass has attributed the poll debacle to party's decision to ally with the DMK instead of TVK. He and former CM V Narayanasamy favoured an alliance with the TVK, but other members of the PCC consultative committee opted for the DMK under what Devadass described as "pressure from the Dravidian party". These members included PCC president V Vaithilingam, former MLA M Vaithianathan, and former ministers M Kandasamy and MOHF Shajahan, along with former government whip RKR Anantharaman.

"TVK cornered both Congress votes and anti-incumbency sentiment," Devadass said, suggesting that a tie-up with TVK could have altered the outcome. He said TVK had offered 22 seats to Congress as part of an alliance. The Congress, which contested 22 seats of the 30 seats in alliance with the DMK and VCK, managed to secure just one seat.

Amid the fallout, a section of Congress workers staged a protest in front of the party office demanding the resignation of Vaithilingam. They alleged that the leadership allowed six rebel candidates to contest, none of whom won, with five even forfeiting their deposits. They also claimed that the rebels strained the Congress-DMK alliance.

Former officer-bearer MP Saravanan, who was part of the protest, accused the PCC leadership of denying tickets to certain aspirants, some of whom later contested and won in alliance with TVK. He argued that their inclusion could have improved the party's tally.

Don't consider unelected persons for CM post, Chennithala urges top brass

K S SREEJITH @TPuram

AS the crucial Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting is set to be held on Thursday to elect its leader and the next chief minister of the UDF government, senior leader Ramesh Chennithala has urged the party high command not to consider individuals who have not been elected to the assembly for the top post.

The first CLP meeting of the newly elected Congress MLAs will be held at the Indira Bhavan in Thiruvananthapuram at 10.30 am. All-India Congress Committee (AICC) observers Mukul Wasnik and Ajay Maken will attend the meeting to seek the opinion of the MLAs. The central observers will also meet all 63 elected MLAs individually before arriving at a conclusion. The CLP is likely to request the Congress president and the high command to take the final decision.

The observers will also meet leaders of the UDF constituent parties. A majority of UDF leaders and Congress MLAs have already reached Thiruvananthapuram.

The two observers reached



LoP in Kerala Assembly and Congress leader VD Satheesan being received by supporters, on his arrival in Paravur constituency, on Wednesday | A SANESH

the state capital on Wednesday evening and met veteran leader A K Antony and former KPCC presidents V M Sudheeran and M M Hassan to get their opinion. They would also talk to Mullappally Ramachandran over the phone and meet K Sudhakaran individually if the former is in the city. The observers will also meet CWC members Kodikunil Suresh and Shashi Tharoor on the day.

Chennithala is learnt to have

conveyed to the Congress central leadership that any move by the central observers to propose K C Venugopal's name would create the impression that the AICC organisational general secretary enjoys the explicit backing of the high command. Such a perception, he is believed to have cautioned, could influence the ongoing discussions on the next chief minister.

Chennithala had told the media that he had travelled to Del-

hi to take part in discussions regarding developments in the Maharashtra Congress. However, sources told this newspaper that the former leader of opposition has staked his claim for the chief minister's post. He is understood to have highlighted his experience in governance, his seniority, and the manner in which the post of leader of opposition was taken away from him in 2021 despite enjoying the support of a majority of MLAs.

Congress sources indicated that the high command would take a final decision on the chief minister after receiving the reports from the central observers. If the observers fail to arrive at a consensus even after the Congress Legislature Party meeting, the high command may convene a meeting of the KPCC president, working presidents, and senior party leaders from the state.

"The final decision will be announced by the high command after the final round of meetings between Sonia Gandhi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, and Priyanka Gandhi," a source said.

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@ TPuram

IN what could spell more trouble for the Left, the CPI leadership has reserved severe criticism for **Pinarayi Vijayan**. The party state secretariat and executive meetings held on Wednesday felt that LDF's projection of one leader in the election campaign backfired.

"The sole focus was on one leader. When the opposition projected team UDF, we had one leader as our poster boy and star campaigner. This could have been avoided. His style of functioning also added to the scale of defeat. We must remember that he's at an advanced age," pointed out a secretariat member. The CPI felt that a number of other reasons including minority consolidation and opposition from different groups also played a role.

The party meet felt that Pinarayi's remarks and government's administrative failures added to the defeat. The LDF's failure

to keep away from controversial remarks made by SNDP Yogam leader Vellappally Natesan too came under criticism.

A section within the CPI was of the view that Pinarayi should not be named leader of opposition. "Ideally it should be K N Balagopal. But it's for the CPM to decide. We won't have any say in the matter," a senior leader said, adding that K Rajan would be CPI's parliamentary party leader.

Earlier, speaking to reporters, CPI state secretary Binoy Viswam said the party would learn from the mistakes and make necessary corrections.

Meanwhile, amid speculation over the next leader of the opposition, the CPM leadership is largely united in backing Pinarayi Vijayan. Although Wednesday's secretariat meeting did not formalise the decision, most members, including KN Balagopal and Saji Cheriyan, were in favour of him leading the opposition, citing the party's reduced strength in the Assembly.



AT MYSURU...

Watch out! 'Mirrors' now to curb public urination

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

TO tackle the persistent problem of public urination outside the KSRTC suburban bus stand, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials have come up with an innovative solution. Reflective, mirror-like stainless steel sheets have been installed along the footpath on Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road opposite the bus stand to deter offenders.

The polished stainless steel frames, covering 85 meters, act as mirrors, exposing anyone at-

tempting to urinate in public and discouraging the behaviour. The area had become notorious for foul smells, particularly affecting women and children, as men often used the roadside stormwater drain instead of public urinals inside the bus stand.

Despite previous warnings and notice boards, public urination persisted, prompting MCC to identify the location as a major "Yellow Spot" requiring urgent action.

MCC engineer Faizal A explained the decision-making process. "We initially consid-



MCC installs polished stainless steel frames opposite KSRTC suburban bus stand to prevent public urination in Mysuru on Wednesday | UDAYASHANKAR S

ered mirrors, then mica glass and acrylic sheets, but ulti-

mately chose stainless steel for durability and cost-effective-

ness. The frames are welded to the roadside and equipped with lights connected to the street lamps, ensuring the area remains monitored at night. Public urinals staff have also been tasked with protecting the frames from damage."

Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif said the initiative will help prevent public urination and enhance Mysuru's image as a tourist-friendly city. Early reports indicate that the reflective sheets have successfully discouraged people from urinating in the area.

EXPRESS READ
Arjuna monument unveiled at Yesalur

HASSAN: Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre inaugurated a monument of Dasara elephant Arjuna at Dabbali forest near Yesalur in Sakleshpur taluk. The 10-foot-tall and 13-foot-long structure was created by artist and sculptor Dhananjay Padu from Dakshina Kannada, and has attracted public attention. Arjuna had died during an operation to capture a rogue elephant on December 4, 2023. The unveiling had been delayed due to incomplete basic amenities. Sakleshpur MLA Cement Manju and villagers expressed disappointment over the use of fibre and glass instead of bronze for the monument. **ENS**

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE VI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-11)
O.S. No. 716/2025

BETWEEN : Gopi Y. S/o. Yellappa J.M. Aged about 31 years, residing at No. 123, 7th Main, 3rd Cross, Marthas Hospital Road, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560019
...PLAINTIFF

AND : Union of India & Ors
SUMMONS / NOTICE TO DEFENDANT No. 1, 4 AND 6

D.1. Union of India, Home Department, Block No. 12, CSD Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003. Represented by its Secretary.
D.4. The Secretary, Karnataka State Election Commission, No. 8, 1st Floor, K.S.C.M.F. Building Annexe, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru - 560052.
D.5. The Regional Passport Officer, Bengaluru, 8th Block, 80 Feet Road, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560095.
...DEFENDANTS

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted an original suit in this Court, against Defendants for seeking name change from Gopi. Y and permit him to change his name as Gideon Gopi.

You are hereby summoned to attend in this Court IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE VI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU on the 29th day of June 2026 at 11.00 a.m. to prosecute the said suit and in default of your appearance on the day specified the above suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court this 30th day of April 2026 at Bengaluru.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristadar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
THANYA A.P., Advocate
 No. 20, 1st Floor Ramanuja Plaza,
 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram,
 Bengaluru - 560020.

Walk-In-Interview for Specialists Medical Officers & General Duty Medical Officers in SSB on contractual basis.

1. Specialist Medical Officers

Sl.	Posts	Vacancy	Monthly Remuneration
1	Medicine	03	₹ 85,000/-
2	General Surgery	03	
3	Obs & Gyne	02	
4	Ophthalmologist	03	
5	Radiologist	02	
6	Pathologist	01	
7	Anesthesia	01	
Total		15	

2. General Duty Medical Officers

Sl.	Posts	Vacancy	Monthly Remuneration
1.	GDMMO's	20	₹ 75000/-

For eligibility, terms & conditions and venue / date of Walk-in-Interview, interested candidates may download the detailed advertisement for above posts from SSB recruitment website www.recruitment.ssb.gov.in and www.ssb.gov.in

Sd/-
Commandant (Rectt)

cBc 19114/11/0003/2627

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
 CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)
 (Through KPP Portal only)

Tenders are invited through KPP portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> for the following works:

KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STATE I & II

(1) KPCL/2025-26/GH/WORK_INDENT4057. Date:28.04.2026 for "Supply, erection, Commissioning and testing of one number of SCADA compatible control panel for penstock gate at Unit-3 at Kadra Dam". Tender Amount: Rs. 8,35,000/- EMD: Rs.21,000/- Last date and time for receipt of tenders: 09.05.2026 up to 17.00 Hrs. Further details can be had from the Executive Engineer (Gates) Kali, KPCL, Kadra, Tq: Karwar, Dist: North Karana-581 396. Mob: 9141611350, e-mail: eegateskali@gmail.com website:<https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in>

SHIMSHA HYDRO POWER STATION

(2) KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4130 Date:04.05.2026 for Re-habilitating of Generator non driving end bearing of unit 2 at Shimsha HES. EMD: Rs. 8790/- Last date for submission / uploading the bid in e-portal: 12.05.2026 at 16:00 Hrs. Work Completion Period: 30 Days. Further details can be had from Executive Engineer (O&M) Shimsha, KPCL, Shimshapura-571 430, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya Dist., Mob: 09902835577

Bank of Baroda
DODDABALLAPUR MAIN BRANCH
 Opp. VokkaligaraBhavan, Taluk Office Road, Rojipura, Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Rural Dist-561203

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Whereas at the request of you, (below mentioned borrowers/guarantors) Bank of Baroda, Doddaballapura Main Branch has granted credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of properties mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned here under. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the below mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As the demand notices sent to you by Registered Post calling upon you to discharge the debt due to Bank were returned, unserved, we are issuing this notice through paper publication.

Name of the Borrower: Mr.Mohammed Khaleel S/o Late Md. Ismail, Palanajogihalli Village, Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Rural Dist-561203. Guarantor: Mr. Mohammed Samiulla S/o Late Md. Ismail, Palanajogihalli Village, Doddaballapur Bengaluru Rural Dist-561203. Date of NPA on 21.07.2025

Outstanding amount: Rs.10,61,139.14/- (Rupees Ten lakhs sixty one thousand one hundred thirty nine and fourteen paise only) as of 21.07.2025 and any interest and charges and expenses till date of payment.

SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

Equitable Mortgage of Land & Building, bearing old site No.10, New Khatha No. 150300300700500330 measuring east to west 30 paces, North to south 40 feet, situated at Palanajogihalli village, Kodigehalli Grama Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura, Bounded on East: Site No.27, West: Road, North: Site No.11, South: 20 feet Road.

If you fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law.

Date:21.04.2026, Place: Doddaballapur Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
 (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset**, whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **demanded notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Nazir Khan, 2) Mrs. Hajira Banu	Loan Account No. 31889630000926 31889410000916 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.20,000,000/-	Mortgaged Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Eastern portion of Site No.24, Old No.50, Katha No.357/A, situated at Makka Masjid Road, Devasandra Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, previously within the limits of Krishnarajapura CMC, now comes under the BBMP Ward No.55 and Bounded on: East: by Site No.23, West: by Western portion of Site No.24, North: by 13-0 feet Road, South: by Property belongs to Muniswamappa. Measuring East to West 15 feet & North to South 40 feet in all measuring 600 sq. feet.	Date of NPA: 03-03-2026 Demand Notice Date: 05-05-2026	Rs. 5,29,805.24 (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Five and Twenty Four Paise Only) due as on 04-05-2026

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 06.05.2026, Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,
 Head Office : B.H. Road, Tumkur-572103, Karnataka,
 Phone : 0816-2257636 / 4021102-103, Fax : 0816-2255905,
 Email : tgmc.ho@tgmcbank.com, Website: www.tgmcbank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002.

Whereas, borrower (1) Mr. Shivanna A P S/o Puttaswamy Gowda, # 44, Anajawadi Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District-562117, (2) Mr. Veerabhadregowda A P S/o Puttaswamy Gowda, # 44, Anajawadi Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District-562117, **Personal Guarantee of Mr. Prakash K V S/o Venkatappa, 5/1, K P Doddi, Ramanagara, Ramanagar District-562159,** having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OP BANK LTD., Jayanagar Branch, Bengaluru.** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs.2,92,88,811/- (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Two Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven only)** as on 11.12.2019, along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon. **(The present outstanding Amount is Rs.5,88,48,516/- as on 05.05.2026)**

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorized Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder on, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of Property	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Date & Time of Auction
All that piece and parcel of the converted commercial land bearing Sy. No. 41/13 measuring 00-28 guntas and Sy. No. 41/14 measuring 00-26 guntas, (in all measuring 1 Acre 14 Guntas as per conversion order vide bearing No. ALN (K)RC.102/2007-08, Dt. 11/12/2008) of Hosakote Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District, building there on & bounded on the :East : Government Halla, West: : Bangalore –Kanakapura Road, North : Land bearing Sy.No. 41/12, South : Land bearing Sy. No.41/14 now chowtry (Convention Hall) Belongs to H V Nanjaiah.	Rs. 9,25,00,000/- (Rupees Nine Crore Twenty Five Lakh Only)	Rs. 92,50,000/- (Rupees Ninety Two Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)	10.06.2026 From 11.15 AM to 11.45 AM
Latitude Longitude of the property	12.695805, 77.477576		

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (5) of Rule 8 / Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors.

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in <https://www.auctionbazaar.com/> any further clarification contact **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru 560010 (Mob: 9880982881, 9620161186).**

The E-auction will be conducted through portal <https://www.auctionbazaar.com/> on 10.06.2026 from 11.15 AM to 11.45 AM with unlimited extension of 05 minutes.

The intending bidder is required to register their name at <https://www.auctionbazaar.com/> and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on 09.06.2026) from M/s ARCA Emart Pvt. Ltd. (Auction Bazaar), TGMC Ltd., 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru 560010, Contact No. : 7799728999, 8370969696, E-mail: disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com

Sd/- Authorised Officer
TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Date : 06.05.2026
Place : Bangalore

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited
 (A Joint Venture of Gol & Gok)
e-mail: pdadv@bmrc.co.in **Website:** www.bmrc.co.in **Ph: 080-22969300, 22969301**

Date: 06.05.2026

RFP NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Managing Director, BMRCL invites open e-tenders from eligible applicants, who fulfill the prescribed eligibility and qualification criteria for the following Outdoor Advertisements in BMRCL Network;

Sl. No.	Tender Name	RFP Notification	Bid Security	Last Date for submission of Bid	Date & Time of Opening of Bids
1	Request for Proposal for Grant of Concession to Design, Develop, Operate, and Maintain Advertisements on Selected Piers & Portals of Purple, Green, Yellow, Pink & Blue lines of the BMRCL Network.	BMRCL/PD/ADVT/PIERS & PORTALS/2026-27/RT/ 08 DATED: 06.05.2026	INR 83.00 Lakhs	05.06.2026 up to 5:00 PM	06.06.2026 at 5:15 PM

For more details, visit our e-tendering portal: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> The Request for Proposal (RFP) will also be available in our website www.bmrc.co.in

Sd/- Director (Finance)

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to Rule 8(i)]
 Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Sayyad Salman Khan (Borrower) Syed Shamshad Begum (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number: LBBNG00006161947	All That Piece and Parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat /apartment No.704, Admeasuring 1557 Sq. Fts On The 7th Floor In Block No.1, 3bhk Construction on "Schedule A Property" Situated At And Bearing Jigani Purasabhe Khatha No.5955/583 Flat No.704, Ward No.15, With A Super Built Up Area of 1557 Sq.ft., Along With Common Areas And Facilities Attributable There to, Having No Car Parking In The Stilt Floor And The Composite Property is Bounded By: East By: Open Space, West By: 8 Feet Wide Corridor, North By: Open Space South By: Lift Area.	Rs. 51,77,207/- (as on April 30, 2026)	Rs. 57,00,000/- (as on April 30, 2026)	May 12, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	May 29, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
2.	Mr. M U Rishael (Borrower) Shuguffa B K (Guarantor) Loan Account Number: LBBNG00005943790	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Immovable Property Bearing Site Nos.21 And 22, Bbnp Katha No.58/158/1p/21 And 22, Ward No.11, New Bbnp Katha No.259/58/1p/21&22, Formed In Converted Old No.58/1, New Sy. No.58/1p1, Fully Converted For Non-agricultural Residential Purpose Vide Order No. BDS. ALN.SR (Naj)/4/2004-05, Dated: 09/07/2004, Issued By The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Situated At Jarakabande Kaval (J.S. Kaval) Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Yalahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Measuring: East To West: 60-0 Feet North To South: 39-0 Feet In All Measuring: 2340 Square Feet And Bounded On The- East By: Site No.23 West By: Site No.20 North By: Private Property, South By: Road	Rs. 93,52,703/- (as on April 30, 2026)	Rs. 1,37,00,000/- (as on April 30, 2026)	May 13, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	May 29, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (<https://assets.matexauctions.com>) of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Limited. The Mortgagors/ Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by May 27, 2026 before 05:00 P.M. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule. The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before May 27, 2026 before 05:00 P.M. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before May 27, 2026 before 05:00 P.M. along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before May 27, 2026 before 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised / Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Bangalore. For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 7304918084. Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Auges Assets Management Private Limited 3. Matex Net Pvt. Ltd., 4. Finvin Estate Deal Technologies Pvt Ltd., 5. Gimsarsoft Pvt Ltd., 6. Hecta Prop Tech Pvt Ltd., 7. Arca Emart Pvt Ltd., 8. Novel Asset Service Pvt Ltd., 9. Nobroker Technologies Solutions Pvt Ltd., have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p45

Date : May 07, 2026
Place: Bengaluru

Authorized Officer
 ICICI Bank Limited

IN THE COURT OF THE XXII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS (CCH-7) JUDGE, AT BENGALURU
P & SC NO. 647/2026

BETWEEN : 1. MR. Somil Mittal S/o Late Mahendra Kumar Mittal, Aged about 54 years, R/at No. 1102, 13th Cross, Near Cauvery School, 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038.
2. MS. Mekha Mittal, D/o Late Mahendra Kumar Mittal, Aged about 49 years, R/at A-008, Natasha Golf View Apartments, Domlur, Bengaluru-560071. ...Petitioners AND : Nil. ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above-named petitioners have presented a petition before this Hon'ble Court under Section 372 and 378 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, seeking the grant of Succession Certificate in their favour in respect of the debts and securities mentioned in the schedule hereunder.

The said debts and securities were held by Late Sri. Mahendra Kumar Mittal, who expired on 28/06/1998. The petitioners herein are the legal heirs of the said deceased Late Mahendra Kumar Mittal.

Therefore, Interest Parties having any claim, objection or interest in the said petition are hereby required to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through a duly authorized pleader on **12.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M.**, and file their objections, if any, to the grant of the said Succession Certificate in favour of the petitioners. Failing which, the petition shall be heard and disposed of ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

FIRST SCHEDULE : All that piece and parcel of land and building being immovable property bearing No. 1102, 13th Cross Road, 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru 560038, measuring East to West 80 sq.ft and North to South 50 Sq.ft, totally admeasuring 4000 square feet, registered in Shivajinagar Sub-registered office as Document No: 437/489-90, and bounded as follows, that is to say:
 On or towards East: Private Land, On or towards West : Road, On or towards North : Property No: 1103, On or towards South : Property No: 1101

SECOND SCHEDULE : All that parcel and piece of immovable property of Flat bearing No: A008, Ground Floor, A- Block, Natasha Golfview Apartments, Domlur, Bengaluru 560 071, measuring 1330 square feet, registered as Document No:2394/97-98, entered in Book No:1, Volume No:4072 in Page No: 33-40 in Shivajinagar Sub-registered Office and bounded as follows, that is to say:
 On or towards East : BWSBS property/drains, On or towards West : Lands held by Indian Space Research Organisation and access to 100ft. Ring Road, On or towards North : Lands held by Indian Space Research Organisation, On or towards South : Lands held by Indian Space Research Organisation, bearing by Amara Jyothi House Building Co-operation Society Limited.

THIRD SCHEDULE : All that parcel and piece of immovable property of Shop bearing No- S-1, Basement Floor, Natasha Golfview Apartments, Domlur, Bengaluru 560 071, measuring 300 square feet, registered as Document No:2395/97-98, entered in Book No:1, Volume No: 4072 in Page No: 41-48 in Shivajinagar Sub-registered Office and bounded as follows, that is to say:
 On or towards East : BWSBS property/drains, On or towards West : Lands held by Indian Space Research Organisation and access to 100ft. Ring Road, On or towards North : Lands held by Indian Space Research Organisation, On or towards South : Lands held by Indian Space Research Organisation, bearing by Amara Jyothi House Building Co-operation Society Limited.

Company	JINDAL IRON & STEEL COMPANY LIMITED
FOLIO NO	DISTINCTIVE NO
START NO	END NO
M01827	7629919
M01828	7629969
TOTAL	100

Company	JINDAL IRON & STEEL COMPANY LIMITED
FOLIO NO	DISTINCTIVE NO
START NO	END NO
M01827	4532676
M01828	4532726
TOTAL	100

Company	JINDAL STEEL & POWER LIMITED
FOLIO NO	DISTINCTIVE NO
START NO	END NO
8329	157561207
TOTAL	11100

Company	JINDAL STAINLESS LIMITED
FOLIO NO	DISTINCTIVE NO
START NO	END NO
8329	20902825
TOTAL	91

Company	JINDAL STRIPS LIMITED
FOLIO NO	DISTINCTIVE NO
START NO	END NO
J18329	3220801
8329	4947001
24674	7418203
24674	14085548
8329	12411155
8329	12411255
TOTAL	555

Company	CONSOLIDATED FINVEST & HOLDINGS LIMITED (formerly Jindal Photo Limited)
FOLIO NO	DISTINCTIVE NO
START NO	END NO
JP0013812	1277602
CP0013812	3887439
TOTAL	300

Company	JINDAL PHOTO FILMS LIMITED
FOLIO NO	DISTINCTIVE NO
START NO	END NO
13812	17103265
13812	17103365
13812	17103465
13812	3120401
13812	3120501
13812	3120601
TOTAL	600

Company	MAHARASHTRA SEAMLESS LIMITED
FOLIO NO	DISTINCTIVE NO
START NO	END NO
MS93051	11306701
MS93051	11306801
MS93051	11306901
MS93051	11307001
MS93051	11307101
512748	708036
TOTAL	750

Company	JINDAL DRILLING & INDUSTRIES LIMITED
FOLIO NO	DISTINCTIVE NO
START NO	END NO
3505	5620875
3505	318028
TOTAL	1000

Company	JINDAL LEASING LIMITED
FOLIO NO	DISTINCTIVE NO
START NO	END NO
3505	918951
3505	919001
3505	919051
3505	919101
3505	919151
3505	919201
3505	919251
3505	919301
3505	919351
3505	919401
3505	919451
TOTAL	500

Company	JASWAL GRANITES LIMITED
FOLIO NO	DISTINCTIVE NO
START NO	END NO
218	2320901
TOTAL	500

Company	KIRLOSKAR COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED
FOLIO NO	DISTINCTIVE NO
START NO	END NO
M00336	749916
M00336	749966
M00336	750016
M00336	750066
M00336	750116
M00336	750166
TOTAL	250

Company	THE TATA ENGINEERING & LOCOMOTIVE COMPANY LIMITED
FOLIO NO	DISTINCTIVE NO
START NO	END NO
EM20032341	4871685
EM20032341	5971479
EM20032341	7013385
EM20032341	10422668
EM20032341	211339368

GOVT'S CREDIT SUPPORT COMES AS TIMELY RELIEF FOR MSMEs, AIRLINES

In an acknowledgement of the distress Indian businesses are facing in the backdrop of the West Asia crisis, the government has extended credit support of ₹2.55 lakh crore to industry, with a focus on smaller enterprises and airlines. The Union Cabinet on Tuesday announced the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0 with an outlay of ₹18,000 crore. The depth of the distress is better fathomed when one considers that ECLGS 3.0 and 4.0 were rolled out during the Covid pandemic.

Under the latest scheme, the government will provide 100 percent credit guarantee on working capital loans extended to micro, small and medium enterprises, and up to 90 percent on loans to non-MSMEs and passenger airlines. The guarantee will be provided on additional credit of up to 20 percent of the peak working capital used during January-March 2026, up to a limit of ₹100 crore. For airlines, 100 percent of additional loans will be covered under the scheme with a cap of ₹1,500 crore per borrower. Loans of up to seven years, availed until March 31, 2027 will be eligible for guarantee. Borrowers will also have to meet other conditions, including maintaining standard loan accounts.

The scheme is a timely intervention to provide short-term liquidity support to businesses hit hard by supply chain disruptions and soaring raw material costs due to the West Asia conflict. The scheme will help MSMEs, which employ more than 30 crore Indians, meet working capital requirements, pay wages, procure raw materials and avoid closures. Scheduled airlines, which recently wrote to the government stating that their operations were on the verge of shutdown, can get loans of up to ₹5,000 crore under the scheme. The sector has been hit hard by the sharp increase in jet fuel prices and the depreciating rupee.

By not opting for a direct fiscal package and extending support through credit guarantees, the government has, for now, avoided placing an additional burden on its finances. While the move is fiscally prudent, timely and much-needed, it remains to be seen whether it will be sufficient—especially for the aviation sector, which has also petitioned for a temporary suspension of excise duty and lower value-added tax on jet fuel.

NORMALISE SEEKING HELP TO CURB SCREEN ADDICTION

HUMAN behaviour and relationships have been transformed as social media addiction has become a disturbing reality. It has led to horrific extremes like parricide, filicide and even suicide—three sisters denied mobile phones jumping off their ninth-floor flat in Ghaziabad being a recent case in point. In Gujarat, a family hired bouncers to monitor an aggressive youngster with screen addiction. Undoubtedly, a new disorder is growing across the nation—NoMophobia, the fear of being without a mobile.

Parents are heedlessly walking into a minefield as babies under a year old are getting dependent on phones that are often used as pacifiers. A recent study by AIIMS Delhi found that such babies could show signs of autism by the age of three, besides sleep disorders and reduced physical activity. As it impacts brain development, the affected children display a lack of healthy social interaction, repetitive behaviour and slow reactions. A study conducted on 84,030 mother-child pairs in Japan in 2022 showed similar results. Last year, an AIIMS Raipur study had found that Indian children aged below five spend an average of 2.2 hours a day on screens, leading to poor social skills, obesity, disturbed sleep and weaker concentration. The concern assumes alarming proportions when you consider that mobile addiction is crossing the age barrier to include senior citizens, too. All of this portends a social crisis in the making.

Adults need to take tough decisions on screen time for children and themselves, and seeking professional help to do this must be normalised. Nimhans in Bengaluru has set up the Service for Healthy Use of Technology Clinic and a digital detox helpline, a first in the country. Parents must heed expert advice on zero screen exposure for infants under 18 months and minimal exposure beyond that up to the age of five. It would also help to nurture physical play, interactive storytelling and family time. It is a welcome step that schools have started barring mobiles on premises. The next measure is restricting social media for adolescents by law, which a few countries have enacted and several others, including India, are considering. But before we fall down a rabbit hole, parents must step up to draw the line and reclaim lost childhoods.

QUICK TAKE

A TAXING TAKE

THERE is something about big New York realtors that sets them apart even in a miserly crowd. Steve Roth—who made his billions from the same pool that Donald Trump's father leveraged—has taken umbrage to mayor Zohran Mamdani's proposal to tax second homes in the city worth more than \$5 million. So sharp is the real estate billionaire's displeasure that he has likened the phrase 'tax the rich' to racial slurs. It would not be lost on Roth that this January, nearly 400 millionaires and billionaires from 24 countries called on global leaders to raise taxes on them. Economist Jayati Ghosh has argued that taxing the ultra-rich is essential for global survival, reducing inequality and funding public services. It's time the idea is given more ground to grow.

THE BJP victory in Assam did not come as a surprise—at least not to anyone in the Northeast. The party returned with 82 seats in the Assembly of 126, giving it a majority on its own. Its allies in the North East Democratic Alliance, Asom Gana Parishad and Bodoland People's Front, won 10 seats each.

Many factors ensured this. The foremost is the persona of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, and his well-calculated and calibrated populist agenda whipping up and capitalising on the inherent Assamese demographic anxiety of being overwhelmed by Muslim immigrants from Bangladesh. Whether this proves to be a boon or a bane for the state and the region in the long run is a matter of anticipation.

Equally important is the fact that dislodging a party in power, especially if it is also in power in New Delhi, has never been easy in the Northeast. The region today suffers from a psychology of living on Delhi's charity, therefore seeing themselves safer on the right side of the powers that be at the Centre. The BJP's victory was also helped by some high-profile, pre-election defections—engineered or otherwise—from its major rival, the Congress.

The Congress was left licking its wounds, garnering just 19 seats, down 10 seats from its share in the last election. Even its flag-bearer, Gaurav Gogoi, lost in his home constituency Jorhat.

While it does seem like a decimation of the Congress in the state, a little rethink is called for: The picture is quite different in terms of vote share. While the BJP won 37.81 percent of the votes polled, the Congress received 29.84 percent. Though nobody can argue with the decisive nature of BJP's win, in terms of the support base, the margin is not as great as the seat numbers make it seem.

The debate on the pros and cons of the first-past-the-post electoral system is for another time. What everyone needs to keep in sight at this moment is that though victors have all the right to celebrate their victory, they also need to display some humility in the knowledge that citizens on the opposite end of the political spectrum number almost as many as those who supported them.

The Assam victory is important for the BJP and its prospect in the Northeast. The party's upbeat mood is also bolstered tremendously by its victory in West Bengal. For the Northeast,

Directly or indirectly, the BJP controls all the states in the region. But political equations may change radically if the Centre tries to root out insurgency with a heavy hand

WHY BJP'S WINS IN ASSAM, BENGAL MATTER FOR ALL OF NORTHEAST

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Kolkata offers an important junction parallel to Guwahati for connectivity to the rest of the country.

So whatever happens in Bengal has always had very profound impact on the Northeast as well. This has been so from the colonial days. Indeed, when the British annexed Assam in 1826, it was made an extension of Bengal. Likewise, Curzon's partition of Bengal and subsequent reunification had a great bearing on the politics and psychology of ordinary people in the Northeast. Not the least, most first-generation, western-educated pioneers from the region acquired their degrees from Calcutta and Dhaka universities, making this connection even deeper-rooted.

How, then, would the BJP victory in Assam and West Bengal pan out in the rest of the Northeast is a question all

observers of politics in the region would be asking. The first thing to remember is that of the region's seven states—excluding Sikkim, which is more in West Bengal's orbit—the four states of Assam, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur are BJP-ruled today.

The remaining three, which are core Christian states—Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland—are ruled by regional parties allied with the BJP. Those alliances are not for any ideological affinity, but are driven by transactional considerations of aligning with the power corridors in Delhi. This profile of the major political equations in the region is unlikely to change. What the BJP victory in Assam and West Bengal has probably done is to ensure this equation remains secure and intact.

This said, there are also local issues

NOT YET TIME FOR A REQUIEM

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THE obituary pages of Indian political commentary have been unusually crowded of late. Commentator after commentator has announced the terminal decline, if not the death, of the Left.

The evidence, at first glance, may appear persuasive. Electorally, it is much diminished. Its political programme may also seem, to many, out of tune with a transformed society and economy. The tone of such obituaries often carries a finality, as if a long chapter in ideological history has come to a close.

Yet history rarely yields such neat conclusions, because we know that ideologies do not disappear. They recede, recalibrate and return, often when the conditions that gave rise to them reappear in altered forms. The temptation to equate the electoral fortunes of political parties with the vitality of ideas is understandable, but it is also profoundly misleading.

Let us concede that the Left's crisis in India is real. Electoral setbacks, particularly in longstanding strongholds, have been severe, including the recent one in Kerala. Organisational structures that once commanded admiration have thinned, and the idiom of class politics appears increasingly out of place in a political atmosphere driven by identity, cultural grievance and populism. In such a climate, it is perhaps easier to interpret the present moment as an endpoint rather than simply as a phase.

But this reading conflates institutions with ideas because the Left has never been reducible to its organisational carriers. Its stable concerns—such as inequality, labour rights, social justice and the limits of unregulated markets—are rooted not in party offices but in the lived realities of ordinary citizens across India and the world.

India's own trajectory bears testimony to this tension. The economic reforms of the early 1990s ushered in growth and optimism, but they also contributed to a gradual marginalisation of Left parties at the national level. Yet the imprint of Left thinking persisted in policy frameworks. Rights-based legislations that expanded transparency, guaranteed rural employment, and recognised the claims of marginalised communities were shaped, in no small measure, by sustained engagement from Left groups and allied civil society. These interventions altered the grammar of State-citizen relations.

The subsequent decade has complicated this narrative. Jobless growth, agrar-

ian distress and the proliferation of informal and gig-based work have introduced new insecurities. The pandemic, in particular, exposed the fragility of livelihoods—already under duress from systemic shocks such as demonetisation and the overall deprioritisation of smaller businesses in the policymaking imagination—with unsettling clarity.

Let us also consider the global experience. The collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 was widely interpreted as the definitive defeat of socialism. In the triumphant aftermath, the language of markets and liberalisation acquired an air of inevitability. Yet within less than two decades, the global financial crisis of 2008 exposed the vulnerabilities of deregulated capitalism.



WINNIE CHOW

The Left has suffered electorally across India, but the ideas that powered its rise have not withered. Its core concerns such as inequality and labour rights continue to be as relevant. Any meaningful revival must be anchored in introspection as much as in opportunity

While banks were rescued by the State, austerity measures were imposed on society. A new generation began to question the orthodoxy they had inherited.

Leaders such as Jeremy Corbyn in the UK and Bernie Sanders in the US drew significant public support by foregrounding inequality, public welfare and corporate accountability. A similar pattern was visible in Latin America, where the so-called 'Pink Tide' that began in the early 2000s saw the electoral success of Left-leaning governments. It has wit-

nessed a notable resurgence in recent years with the return of leaders such as Lula da Silva in Brazil, Gustavo Petro in Colombia and Gabriel Boric in Chile. More recently, figures like Zohran Mamdani in New York and Zack Polanski in the UK have extended this current.

When I request that the commentators acknowledge this, my intent is not to romanticise the Left, as there are internal limitations that cannot be ignored. Organisational rigidity, an inability to adapt to emerging social coalitions and disconnect from certain youth segments have weakened its appeal. In regions where it governed for extended periods, the challenge of leadership renewal and responsiveness to changing aspirations remains evident.

Any meaningful revival must therefore be anchored in introspection as much as in opportunity. At the same time, a transformation is underway. Many ideas historically associated with the Left have seeped into the broader political spectrum. Welfare schemes, subsidised services or income support are now *de rigueur* for parties across ideological divides.

What, then, should we make of the present moment in India? It may be more accurate to see it as an interregnum, a phase in which established forms have weakened while new ones are yet to consolidate. The Left's traditional organisational structures may no longer suffice, but the social questions it engages with are far from resolved.

Its future, if it is to be meaningful, is unlikely to resemble its past. It may emerge through new alliances that cut across class, caste and region and may find expression in movements around urban precarity, environmental justice and digital rights, issues that were not central to its earlier agenda. It will also require a reimagining of its language, moving beyond familiar slogans to engage a generation shaped by different experiences and aspirations.

The obituaries, then, may tell us more about the present mood of certainty than about the future of ideas. If history is any guide, that certainty is likely to prove premature.

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unique to each state that can change the colours of politics in them. The case of Manipur would be the most urgent. With election in the state due in less than a year, in February 2027, the ongoing ethnic crisis in the state can make or mar the prospect of any political party.

This May 3, the violent conflict between the majority Meiteis and Kuki-Zo groups of tribes, which has claimed over 260 lives and displaced tens of thousands, completed three years. But there is still no end in sight. The conflict has in fact acquired a new dimension, with an underlying land friction between Kukis and Nagas turning violent, and threatening to be even more sustained and irresolvable. The divisions between the state's three major communities will understandably complicate the electoral strategies of all parties.

There are also issues such as a demand for drawing up a National Register of Citizens, as in Assam, to sort out illegal immigrants from the voters list before elections—the success or failure to comply with which can alter the political fortunes of parties. The fortune of the ruling BJP in the state, which has been trying to negotiate on these issues, will depend on its measure of success in this negotiation.

Elections in the other northeastern states are still two to three years away, so the urgency is still missing. But by and large, because the BJP will remain in power at the Centre when these elections happen, together with its recent victories in Assam and West Bengal, should give the party a headstart in the races.

It must be kept in mind that political stability of the region—made up of border-states vulnerable to insurgency—can be dramatically altered overnight. With the perception that foreign powers, particularly China and the US, have an interest in the current troubles in Myanmar, New Delhi's policies for the region can also shift radically, unsettling these fragile political equations.

The central government recently announced that it was set to "erase" insurgency in the Northeast by 2029. As has often happened in the past, this could result in the reading of insurgency as merely a law-and-order problem, and not also a social issue, orienting operations towards a military solution. Depending on the approach taken, the region's political equations can also take a swift turn.

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Power swing

Ref: *An idea whose time had come* (May 6). Intimidation through muscle power and widespread corruption—a trait the DMK had nurtured over the years—marked a stuttering Stalin government. With a consistently weak AIADMK in the opposition, the DMK would have become more ruthless. Tamil Nadu's electorate was right in its attitude of 'in Vijay we trust'.

Santh Kumar T S, Thrissur

Conceding defeat

Ref: *Denial in power, defiance in defeat* (May 6). A good leader is one who believes in democratic ethos and accepts the mandate of the people gracefully. To deny the mandate robustly and dare to challenge the Constitution with no substantive facts gives the wrong message. Mamata Banerjee should understand that she is besmearing her image with voluble words that do not befit her fighting spirit.

Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

Growth gaps

Ref: *Roadmap to fix imbalance* (May 6). The Govinda Rao Committee report is a welcome step, but diagnosis alone changes nothing. Karnataka's challenge is well-documented; the persistent gap between recommended funds and actual disbursements is where reform consistently stalls. Strengthening the State Finance Commission's role and ensuring predictable, rule-based transfers to local bodies would translate this roadmap from policy to measurable change.

K Sakunthala, Coimbatore

Clinging on

Ref: *Didn't lose, won't resign* (May 6). Mamata Banerjee's assertion portrays the height of arrogance and churlishness to say the least. The chief ministers of Tamil Nadu and Kerala without any bickering accepted the verdict, it is unfathomable she wants to cling on to the hot seat.

HP Murali, Bengaluru

Judicial bandage

Ref: *Strength of SC judges* (May 6). The Cabinet's approval is a welcome step against the over 92,000 pending cases. However, adding judges is merely a mathematical bandage. Originally, Article 124 of the Constitution mandated just seven judges for the top court, yet successive numerical expansions have never successfully eliminated pendency. To truly revolutionise our judiciary, we must implement innovative solutions and establish specialised regional courts.

Vijaykumar HK, Raichur

Strain visible as DMK responds with a 'backstabbers' jab ● BJP says Oppn bloc will collapse soon ● MP says alliance made to keep 'communal forces' out of power

Cong dumps Stalin, joins Vijay

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

IN a move that could redraw political equations in Tamil Nadu and test opposition unity at the national level, the Congress has severed its decades-old alliance with the DMK and extended support to actor-politician Vijay's TVK to form the government in the southern state.

While the party stressed that the support would be conditional, it has also hinted at a longer association with TVK.

"This alliance, founded on mutual respect, appropriate share and shared responsibility between the two parties, is not only for the formation of this government, but also for future elections to local body organisations, Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha," said AICC Tamil Nadu in-charge Girish Chodankar in a statement.

The defeat of DMK, a key pillar of INDIA bloc and the fourth-largest contributor to its Lok Sabha strength, may further dent the Opposition bloc's already strained morale, which has been battered by a string of electoral reverses.

Though Congress maintains that the ties with the Dravidian major are intact, strains are visible after the DMK responded to the Congress overtures with a "backstabbers" jab.

In the statement, Congress said that it has decided to ally with TVK after Vijay formally requested support. "The President of Tamizhaga Vettai Kazhagam (TVK), Thiru C Vijay, has formally requested the Indian National Congress (INC) to extend its support for form-



ing a government in TN. The people of TN, especially the youth, have delivered a clear, strong and overwhelming verdict for a secular, progressive, and welfare-oriented government that upholds constitutional principles. They have chosen TVK led by Mr Vijay to form the next government."

Although the alliance between the Congress and the DMK dates back to the 1970s, it has been marked by both cooperation and conflict. During the Emergency, then PM Indira Gandhi dismissed the DMK government, led by then CM M Karunanidhi, in TN in 1976. The ties between the two parties have seen many ups and downs since then. The DMK was also part of the NDA government and allied with the BJP between 1999 and 2003.

The Congress said, "This alliance between TVK and Congress will strive to bring back Perunthalaivar Kamaraj's glory days of Tamil Nadu, with a strong commitment to Thanthai Periyar's social justice ideals and Dr BR Ambedkar's constitutional ideals in the years and decades to come."

BJP SLAMS RAHUL, SAYS INDIA BLOC WILL FALL APART

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE BJP on Wednesday launched a sharp attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, calling him an "unfit leader" and claiming the opposition INDIA bloc is on the verge of disintegration under his leadership.

BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra alleged that the alliance is facing an internal collapse and predicted it would break apart within weeks. "Rahul Gandhi, you are an unfit leader, and because of this, your party is deteriorating and breaking apart. Wait for just a few weeks, the 'INDI' alliance will be destroyed. We have information from sources that it is going to break apart. The blame for this will fall on Rahul Gandhi's head," he told reporters.

The remarks came after Gandhi alleged "vote theft" in elections in a post on X, claiming that a significant number of BJP MPs had won through irregularities. "It's not hard to identify them—should we call them 'infiltrators' in BJP's own language? And Haryana? There, the entire government is 'infiltrator'," Gandhi wrote.

In response, Patra accused Gandhi of insulting the mandate given by voters, particularly in Haryana. "Rahul Gandhi posted that not only are votes being stolen and seats being stolen, but now the entire government has been stolen. Is this a government or one of your brother-in-law's land parcels that can be stolen," he asked.

He also objected to Gandhi's remarks describing the Haryana government as "infiltrators". "The people have voted. The MLAs are elected by the people, and the CM is chosen by the people. How is it right to call them infiltrators?" Patra said.



'BLAME GANDHI'

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'Cong's alliance with TVK shouldn't be seen as formal break with DMK'

CONGRESS MP from Tamil Nadu **Manickam Tagore**, one of the vocal supporters of the Vijay-led TVK, spoke to **Preetha Nair** on why the party extended support to the actor's party and the road ahead. **Excerpts:**

Now that you are supporting TVK, are your ties with your long-time ally DMK officially over?

The verdict of the Tamil Nadu elections is clear: for change and a secular formation. In parliamentary democracies, both pre-poll and post-poll scenarios are common. If any party had crossed the halfway mark of 118 seats in TN, there would have been no need for further discussions. The TVK has emerged as the single largest party with 108 seats, just 10 short of a majority. They approached the Congress for support. To prevent the BJP's backdoor entry, we unanimously decided to support a secular formation.

However, DMK has called you backstabbers...

That remark came from a junior-level spokesperson of the party. Our priority is to ensure Tamil Nadu is protected from communal forces, and that is why we chose to stand with secular parties.

Did you consult DMK before allying with TVK?

The Congress, as a national party, will take its own decisions. Vijay, as leader of the



single largest party, wrote to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge seeking support. After consultations with the high command, the state political affairs committee was authorised to take a call.

Other allies like CPI, CPM, and the Muslim League are not keen on aligning with TVK.

I would prefer not to comment on other parties. I know that Vijay has reached out to them as well.

There are reports that TVK is also in talks with AIADMK for support...

Those are purely speculative reports and I cannot respond to speculations.

Congress has extended support to TVK with a condition to keep out communal forces. Please clarify who these forces are and whether you've got

assurances from Vijay?

Our resolution clearly states that the Congress party's opposition to communal forces and we have communicated this. TVK has defeated BJP in several constituencies, including Thiruparankundram. Vijay's secular credentials are well known, which is why we are supporting him.

Congress remains the fulcrum of INDIA bloc. What will happen to the bloc now?

State-level dynamics differ across states such as Kerala, West Bengal and Punjab; alliances vary. However, we all come together on a common platform to oppose the BJP's model of governance at the Centre. The INDIA bloc remains a united platform for opposition forces.

Will the INDIA bloc remain intact?

Each state has its own political dynamics. In the name of INDIA bloc, we can't afford to keep losing states to BJP. We must adapt and strengthen our position locally.

Is power-sharing on the table?

Those discussions will happen later. Earlier, we had 17 MLAs and are now down to five, so we understand our current strength. Our alliance with TVK is based on mutual respect and we've told it that we seek a long-term relationship.

Retail prices of 42 drugs, including those for heart disease, diabetes capped

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has revised the retail price of 42 new drugs, including commonly-used medicines for heart, diabetes, antibiotic and vitamin supplements, under the provisions of the Drugs Prices Control Order (DPCO), 2013.

The notification issued by the chemicals and fertilisers ministry said the ceiling retail prices specified are exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST). Manufacturers may add GST only if it is actually payable to the government, it said.

As per the April 30 notification, the 42 formulations include pain-killer medicine, Aceclofenac, Paracetamol and Serratiopeptidase tablets, priced at ₹10.18 per tablet. The list also includes cholesterol-lowering therapies like atorvastatin with ezetimibe, which have now been capped between ₹21.36 and ₹32.46/tablet.

Prices of diabetes drugs, gli-

Hypertension medicines

The other formulations for which prices have been capped include triple-combination medication used mainly to treat hypertension Telmisartan, Chlorthalidone and Metoprolol Succinate.

clazide with metformin, have been fixed at ₹10.53/tablet and Labetalol Hydrochloride tablets at ₹23.17/tablet. Antibiotic combinations like cefixime with potassium clavulanate have been priced at ₹25/tablet.

The revised retail price also includes a higher-priced combination of relugolix, estradiol and norethindrone acetate, which is used in hormone-related conditions. It has been capped in the range of ₹107.22 to ₹120.62 per tablet depending on the manufacturer.

The notification said all retailer/dealer must display the price list prominently. In case of any violations, concerned manufacturer/marketing firms will be penalised.

India, Vietnam agree on 2+2 dialogue, BrahMos deal on

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

INDIA and Vietnam on Wednesday elevated their ties to an "Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership", agreeing to launch a 2+2 ministerial dialogue, expand defence industrial cooperation and move closer to concluding the proposed BrahMos missile deal, following talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vietnamese President To Lam.

A joint statement said the two sides "look forward to the establishment of Strategic Diplomacy-Defence Dialogue (2+2)", a format India currently shares with a select group of key partners, to deepen strategic cooperation. Defence and security ties were described as a "key pillar" of the partnership, with both countries agreeing to enhance defence procurement and industrial collaboration, signalling Indian military exports. Hanoi has also been brought into the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative besides both sides singing 13 pacts.



PM Narendra Modi underlined Vietnam's centrality to India's regional strategy. "Vietnam is a key pillar of India's Act East Policy... Through our strengthening defence and security cooperation, we will continue to contribute to the rule-of-law, peace, stability, and prosperity," he said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who held talks with his Vietnamese counterpart Phan Van Giang, noted, "growing convergence in strategic interests, particularly in the Indo-

Pacific region," as both sides reviewed military training and capacity-building efforts.

Providing the clearest indication yet of progress on the BrahMos deal, Secretary (East) in MEA P Kumaran said: "We do talk about a number of platforms, BrahMos is one of them... watch this space."

Vietnam is understood to be seeking the shore-based anti-ship variant of the supersonic cruise missile to bolster its coastal defence amid tensions in the South China Sea.

68L cyber attacks on EC site during polls: Kumar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) on Wednesday said that its integrated digital platform ECINET played a critical role in ensuring smooth election operations and faster reporting, leading to fair and violence-free conduct of polls with record turnout.

Lauding the role played by ECINET, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, however, said that the ECI tech team managed to block nearly 68 lakh malicious cyber hits during the recently concluded assembly elections in four states—West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Assam—and the Union Territory of Puducherry, particularly on the counting day.

The attacks reportedly originated from both within India and overseas and targeted key election systems, including the results portal, he informed.

According to an official statement issued by the ECI, the ECINET app was officially launched in January 2026, and

Attackers from abroad

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it has already crossed 10 crore downloads. It went on to add that its beta version was first tested during the Bihar Assembly elections 2025.

It said that on the polling days—April 9, 23 and 29—the platform recorded over 98.3 crore hits, and on the counting day, May 4, the ECI-SET registered an average of three crore hits per minute. In a first, the ECI introduced a QR code-based photo identity card system through ECINET at counting centres in states/UT to strengthen security.

More than 3.2 lakh QR codes were generated on counting day, ensuring that only authorised personnel were allowed access to counting venues and preventing unauthorised entry, the poll panel said.

Parents get priority in revised norms for school management committees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ENHANCED community participation in school education and a more inclusive and equitable education for the holistic development of children are the salient aspects of the new guidelines for School Management Committees (SMCs) 2026.

A comprehensive booklet on the revised guidelines brought out by the Department of School Education and Literacy was released by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan at Vigyan Bhavan on Wednesday.

Strengthening of community ownership in learning outcomes of Balvatika to Grade 12 through a single SMC, a three-year school development plan with an annual social audit and annual sub-plan, inclusion of school infrastructure safety and disaster preparedness, support in inclusive education, enhanced transparency and financial oversight and a more inclusive education are among the key features in



the guidelines.

The size of the SMC will depend on the number of students enrolled. Schools with up to 100 students will have 12 to 15 members in the SMC, while those above 500 students will have 20 to 25 members, the guidelines stated.

It has redrawn the composition of the members of the SMC, making the following mandatory: a chairperson and vice chairperson, both of whom need to be elected from the parents or

Push to PM Shri schools

The education ministry on Thursday said it would write to new governments of West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala asking them to adopt the PM Shri school scheme. The ministry said that it would also ask the Kerala government to implement the MoU it had signed with the Centre last year. The initiative, which aims to showcase NEP 2020, plans to upgrade 14,500 schools into model schools.

guardians of the students, and a member secretary who will be the principal or headmaster of the school. The members must be appointed from the parents of all grades of children studying in the school.

Speaking after the launch, Pradhan said, "The SMC guidelines 2026 will play a pivotal role in translating the vision of the National Education Policy 2020 into action across the country's nearly 15 lakh schools."

6% decline in crime in '24 from '23: NCRB data

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE latest report of the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) has revealed that the country recorded 58.85 lakh cases of crime in 2024, which is a 6% drop from 2023, when 62.41 lakh cases were reported. The rate of such incidents, which is a measure of cases registered per lakh of population, has also dropped from 448.3 in 2023 to 418.9 in 2024.

Cases registered under the "Hurt" category registered under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections 325-326 and 329-335 saw a major decline of 30.58%, from over 6.36 lakh cases in 2023 to just over 4.41 lakh cases in 2024, the data showed.

The report, however, clarified that the dip in cases of "Hurt or grievous hurt" may be attributed to the changes in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) introduced in 2023, which replaced the IPC, where these sections had been merged and simple "Hurt" made a non-cognisable offence.

During the year, 27,049 cases of murder were registered,



showing a marginal decline of 2.4% over the previous year, with "disputes" being the leading motive behind the crimes, followed by "personal vendetta or enmity" and "gain", the NCRB said in the report.

"Crime against women" showed a dip of 1.5% from the previous year, with 4.41 lakh cases lodged in 2024 as compared to 4.48 lakh in the previous year. "Cruelty by husband or relatives" was the leading cause of such crimes, followed by kidnapping, crime against minors, and assault on women

with intent to outrage her modesty, the data revealed. "The crime rate registered per lakh women population was 64.6 in 2024 in comparison with 66.2 in 2023," the report said.

The report also revealed that 55,698 cases were registered for crimes against members of the Scheduled Castes, showing a decrease of 3.6% over 2023, when 57,789 cases were registered. Crimes against members of the Scheduled Tribes also showed a sharp decline of 23.1%, with a total of 9,966 cases in 2024, as compared to 12,960

cases in 2023.

In the case of crime against women, the state wise data revealed that the highest 66,398 such incidences were reported from Uttar Pradesh, which is marginally up from 66,381 in 2023, and the second highest was reported from Maharashtra, where 47,954 cases were reported. West Bengal recorded the third highest 34,360 such incidences in 2024, which dropped from 34,691 reported in 2023.

Nagaland, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh reported to be the safest for women.

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	34	28
Bhopal	40	25	Panaji	33	27
Jaipur	39	24	Patna	36	26
Amritsar	35	22	Lucknow	38	26
Chennai	35	28	Port Blair	32	27
Kolkata	34	27	Imphal	30	21
Srinagar	23	10	Chandigarh	37	24

Preparations in full swing as Shah will oversee selection of BJP legislative party leader on May 8 ● Swearing on May 9 at Brigade Parade ground

1st BJP govt to take oath on Tagore birth anniv

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR AND
SUBHENDU MAITI @ New Delhi/Kolkata

PREPARATIONS are in full swing at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre ahead of Home Minister Amit Shah overseeing the selection of the BJP's first chief minister in West Bengal on May 8, a day before the swearing-in at Brigade Parade Ground, which coincides with the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, following the party's sweeping victory.

Shah's role marks a rare and deliberate political move. The BJP's chief strategist had camped in Bengal for weeks during the campaign. Party insiders say Shah's involvement, uncommon in post-poll leadership decisions, aims to avoid internal discord, with Suwendu Adhikari seen as the frontrunner for the chief minister's post. The party is also learnt to be considering Tapas Roy, a former TMC leader, for the Assembly Speaker's position, citing his legislative experience.



BJP workers celebrate the party's win at Nandan in Kolkata on Wednesday | PTI

The oath-taking ceremony is scheduled for May 9 at the historic Brigade Parade ground, coinciding with the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Shah has been appointed central observer for the BJP Legislature Party meeting, with Orissa Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi as co-observer to assist in government formation.

The BJP secured a landslide



mandate, winning 207 of the 294 Assembly seats, while the Trinamool Congress led by Mamata Banerjee was reduced to 80, marking a dramatic reversal from the 2021 polls.

State BJP president Samik Bhattacharya confirmed that PM Narendra Modi, Shah and other senior leaders will attend the swearing-in ceremony. "We will not follow the TMC regime-like rule during our tenure; no

violence of any sort will be taken lightly," he said.

Bhattacharya also visited the state secretariat and met Chief Secretary Dushyant Naria, urging immediate measures to prevent clashes and reviewing arrangements for the ceremony. The focus, however, remains firmly on the choice of CM. Adhikari, who defeated Banerjee in Bhabanipur by a margin of over 15,000 votes, has emerged as a leading contender. Seen as a key organiser and a trusted Shah lieutenant, his elevation is expected, though the final decision will be taken at legislature party meet.

"I will vacate one seat within 10 days. The party will decide which one I retain," Adhikari said and added that the BJP aims to establish long-term governance in the state.

Other names in circulation include Bhattacharya, Swapan Dasgupta and Sanjeev Sanyal, though party insiders indicate there is little room for surprises.

In Assam, swearing in likely after May 11 meet



Himanta Biswa Sarma (R) with Assam governor L P Acharya on Wednesday | PTI

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

ASSAM Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday submitted his resignation to Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya, thus clearing the decks for the formation of the new government.

The governor asked Sarma to continue as the caretaker CM till the formation of the new government. He also accepted Sarma's request to dissolve the present 15th Assam Legislative Assembly, an official statement said.

After meeting the governor, Sarma told reporters that the swearing-in would take place after May 11, following the election of the BJP Legislature Party leader.

The BJP Parliamentary Board on Tuesday appointed J P Nadda as the central observer for the election of the Legislature Party leader. Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini has been appointed as the central co-observer for the process.

"The BJP Legislature Party meeting will be held in the

presence of Nadda Ji and Saini Ji. It'll decide the leader. After that there will be an NDA meeting where a proposal will be taken to support the BJP Legislature Party leader," Sarma explained.

He added that after this process, the three NDA parties—BJP, Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) and Bodoland People's Front (BPF)—would meet the governor, and the latter would invite the elected leader to form the government.

"The BJP Legislature Party meeting will be held on or before May 11. We will get to know the date from the office of Nadda Ji today or tomorrow," Sarma further stated.

PM Narendra Modi is likely to attend the oath-taking ceremony.

The NDA had swept the polls, winning 102 of 126 seats. The BJP alone had bagged 82 seats, while allies AGP and BPF won 10 seats each. The Opposition parties won 24 seats.

The Opposition won 24 seats—19 by Congress, two by ally Rajiv Dal, two by AIUDF and one by Trinamool.

Will move Int'l Court of Justice against EC: Didi

Outgoing Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday reiterated that she will not step down and threatened to move the Supreme Court and even the International Court of Justice against the EC. She claimed that the verdict was a result of conspiracy and not a genuine people's mandate.

Assam CEO submits poll results to governor

Assam's CEO Anurag Goel on Wednesday handed over the assembly poll results to Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya. A team from the CEO's office called on the governor at Lok Bhawan and submitted the list of elected legislators. After submission, the governor will start the process to form new government.

BENGAL FALLOUT: AKHILESH CALLS OFF I-PAC PACT, SAYS TOO COSTLY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN a ripple effect of the drubbing of the Trinamool Congress in the recent West Bengal polls, the Samajwadi Party (SP) has called off its pact for the 2027 UP assembly elections with political consultancy firm Indian Political Action Committee (I-PAC).

Addressing a press conference in Lucknow on Wednesday, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said, "Yes, we had ties with them. They worked with us for a few months. But now we are unable to continue because of a fund crunch and cannot af-

ford to pay huge amounts."

Notably, I-PAC had been curating TMC's poll campaign since 2019, and Akhilesh had entrusted it with preparing the Samajwadi Party's electoral strategy for 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections. The consultancy firm had earlier played a key role in the victories of DMK in Tamil Nadu and the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal in 2021.

Sources said former Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin and TMC Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had advised Akhilesh to hire I-PAC. Akhilesh held his

first meeting with company officials in Delhi in December 2025. He met them again during his visit to West Bengal in January this year. After that, the SP hired I-PAC.

The SP has given data analysis and strategy-related work to Mumbai-based Showtime Consulting. Survey work is being handled by a Karnataka-based company.

As per SP insiders, the decision is also driven by the arrest of I-PAC director Vinesh Chandel by the ED in connection with money laundering in the alleged Bengal coal scam.

C'garh unveils blueprint for elite force to guard industries on CISF lines

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

DRAWING inspiration from the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), the Chhattisgarh government has finalised the blueprint for the State Industrial Security Force (SISF). This specialised unit is designed to provide professional security to both public and private sector industries across the state, ensuring a safe environment for economic growth.

The new force will operate under the direct command of the Director General of Police (DGP), who will serve as its head. The SISF has been organised into two distinct branches. The first is the executive branch, which will be responsible for field duties. This wing will include high-ranking officers from Special DGP and ADGP down to commandants and company commanders (inspectors). The second branch is secretarial, handling administrative and office-related tasks, ranging from office superintendents to assistant sub-inspectors.

To maintain high morale and discipline, the government has announced significant incentives for the jawans. Personnel

deployed in the SISF will receive a 12% additional allowance. Furthermore, industry managements utilising the force are mandated to provide essential amenities, including free medical facilities and housing (or a house rent allowance); dedicated parade grounds and armouries at the deployment sites; and strict disciplinary codes.

The SISF will operate on a "user-pays" model, meaning the financial burden of the force will be borne by the industries rather than the state government. Industries seeking protection must submit a formal request to the DGP along with an advance fee of ₹1,00,000 for a security assessment.

According to the rules, no unit smaller than 59 personnel (including officers) will be deployed at any industrial site.

Beyond physical guarding, the SISF is also set to function as a technical consultant. For a prescribed fee, the force will offer services in security auditing, fire safety, and disaster management. The move is expected to create a robust security infrastructure in the tribal and industrial heartlands of Chhattisgarh.



In a 1st, no Cong MP from Gujarat in RS

DILIP SINGH KASHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

THE Congress is set to lose its final foothold in the Rajya Sabha from Gujarat. The BJP's brute majority in the state assembly will all but guarantee its victory on all four seats when they go to the polls in the next round. This will mean that the Congress will have zero presence from the state in the House after 66 years when the term of its lone state MP Shaktisinh Gohil ends on June 21.

The Congress has just 12 MLAs in the 182-member Gujarat Assembly, which is not enough to send any party candidate to Parliament.

Elections for 26 Rajya Sabha seats across the country are likely to be held in late May or early June. The election on the four Gujarat seats will take place in the same electoral cycle, as four state incumbents Narhari Amin, Ram Mokaria,



Current line-up includes BJP stalwarts

Gujarat's current Rajya Sabha line-up already has BJP's stalwarts. Union ministers J P Nadda and S Jaishankar are members of the Upper House from the state. The party's Rajya Sabha list also boasts of prominent regional figures, such as Mayank Nayak, Govind Dholakia, Jashwant Singh Parmar, Babu Desai, and Kesari Dev Singh Jhala.

Ramilaben Bara (all from the BJP), and Gohil prepare are set to complete their term.

The BJP, with a commanding 162 MLAs, will comfortably cross the 144 votes mark that are required to win the four seats which will fall vacant. This makes the 12 MLAs of the Congress, four MLAs of AAP,



one from the Samajwadi Party, and two independents irrelevant in the contest.

The BJP, sure of its victory, may try a balancing act of managing caste equations, regional representation, and strategic messaging when it selects its candidates. Speculation is rife that the party may not repeat

its sitting MPs.

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Gujarat sends 11 members to the House, which, in the past, includes prominent names like Arun Jaitley, Purushottam Rupala, Mansukh Mandaviya, and Smriti Irani, all of whom have served multiple terms from Gujarat.

As Gujarat's Rajya Sabha map is about to turn entirely saffron, the Congress, for now, will be left without a voice in the Upper House.

Corruption probes against IAS officers now open to RTI scrutiny in U'khand

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE public can now access details of corruption cases involving IAS officers under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, the Uttarakhand State Information Commission (USIC) has announced. Once a corruption case is registered against a public servant, especially an IAS officer, or if the state government has granted sanction for prosecution, that information can no longer be shielded from the public, it added.

State Information Commissioner Kushla Nand, who delivered the order while hearing an appeal filed by IFS officer Sanjiv Chaturvedi, emphasised that the decision is designed to foster greater transparency. "Corruption-related matters cannot be kept entirely confidential. If the law has been invoked or investigations sanctioned, the public has a right to



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However, if the disclosure of specific details is likely to impede or compromise a pending inquiry, the relevant department may withhold such information.

Also, if the requested infor-

mation pertains to another investigative body, prior permission from that agency is mandatory before disclosure.

For years, the argument against such disclosures has been that public scrutiny of civil servants could hamper their functional autonomy. However, legal experts say by allowing public access to information regarding corruption proceedings, the commission has effectively strengthened the role of civic oversight.

The commission clarified that information concerning cases currently pending in court is also accessible under the RTI framework.

Reacting to the decision, Aman Kandra, a social activist, said, "By mandating accountability in cases of graft, the commission has also set a precedent for higher standards of integrity within the corridors of power".

Threat to Dosanjh for taking on K-elements

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

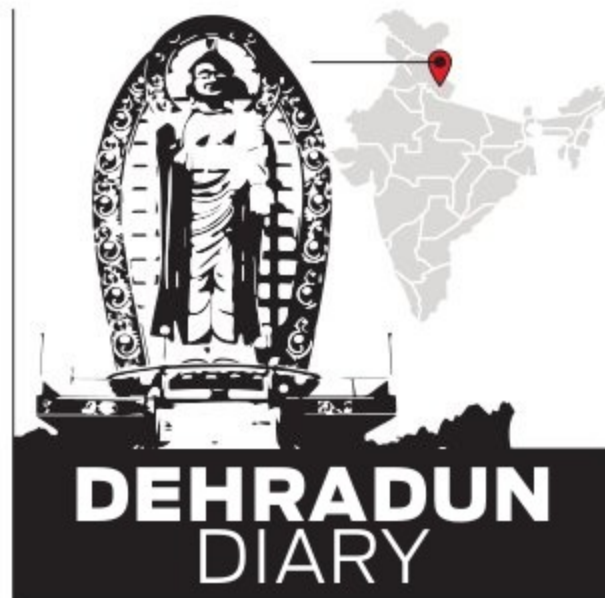
SIKHS for Justice (SFJ), the banned pro-Khalistan terror organisation led by Gurbhant Singh Pannun, has issued a video threat to Punjabi singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh claiming that it will oppose his upcoming music concerts in the US. Dosanjh had taken on pro-Khalistani elements during his Aura 2026 concert in Calgary, Canada, on Friday and reprimanded them for waving purported Khalistan flags.

Dosanjh had asked security personnel to throw Khalistanis out of his concert after they raised anti-India slogans. The audience applauded him when he told the Khalistanis elements to leave the venue.

Dosanjh has built his North America tour around tributes

to the pioneers of the Punjabi diaspora. The Calgary incident partly overshadowed the theme of the Aura World Tour, 2026, through which the singer pays homage to the victims of the Komagata Maru incident and the revolutionaries of the Gadar movement. He said that the presence of a massive, thriving Punjabi audience in the concert was a direct result of the sacrifices made by the early Punjabi migrants and revolutionaries.

This is not the first time that the SFJ has threatened the Punjabi singer with boycott calls. However, this threat adds to the growing concerns over security at high-profile events involving Indian artists overseas. Last month, pro-Khalistan supporters had created unrest during his concert at Vancouver in Canada.



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Mansarovar Yatra gets costlier this year

Pilgrims yearning for the sacred Kailash Mansarovar Yatra face a steeper ascent this year. While the administration has doubled capacity to 500 pilgrims, costs have surged by ₹35,000, totalling ₹2.09 lakh, largely due to dollar exchange rate fluctuations. Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam (KMVN), responsible for Indian-side logistics, increased its fee from ₹57,000 to ₹65,000. General Manager Vijay Nath Shukla confirmed, "The total cost via Lipulekh Pass is ₹2.09 lakh per traveller." Beyond this, mandatory Ministry of External Affairs payments remain at \$1400. After prolonged disruptions, the Yatra's return is welcome.



First anniversary of int'l standard ice rink

Dehradun's Maharana Pratap Sports College is buzzing again as CM Pushkar Singh Dhami celebrates the first anniversary of the revamped Himadri ice rink. Once neglected, this facility—India's only international-standard ice arena—has been transformed with an 8.5-crore investment, now powered by a one-megawatt solar plant. "This is our pride," the CM remarked, noting the arena's resurgence as a hub for national championships and Asian tournaments. With the state eyeing a "Sports Land" status following a historic 103-medal haul at the 38th National Games, the government is doubling down. Plans are afoot for 23 new sports academies.

Digital dawn in Chamoli district's Niti Valley

The remote Niti Valley in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district, a strategically vital region bordering China, has finally joined the digital revolution after 79 years. Under the Centre's ambitious 'Vibrant Village' programme, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has successfully extended high-speed 4G connectivity to the valley's farthest reaches. Following successful trials on April 27, three new mobile towers are now fully operational in Niti, Kunglung, and Barmlas villages. This long-awaited infrastructure bridge is a transformative boon for local residents, streamlining access to essential online services, education, and healthcare.

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01. No of the Work	: 1 no Work.
02. Type of Bid.	: Two Bid System
03. Estimated Cost.	: Rs.122.17 lakhs (Approx.)
04. Class of Contractor	: Manufacturer
05. Period of Completion	: 60 (Sixty) days.
06. Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	: From 11.00 AM of dt. 04.05.2026 to 5.00 PM of 18.05.2026
07. Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	: 5.00 PM of 18.05.2026
08. Date & Time of opening of tender	: At 11.30 AM of 19.05.2026
09. Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	: Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Sambalpur, Near V.S.S Stadium, Brooks Hill, Sambalpur Dist- Sambalpur-768004.

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule-8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore** under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 17.02.2026 calling upon the borrower **Smt. Adithi Reddy and Sri. Dhruvajith Reddy** all are residing at R/at No. 5C-806, 3rd Floor, 5th Cross, 8th Main, HRBR Layout, 1st Block, Kalyana Nagar, Bangalore -560 043, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 43,81,960/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Only)** as on **31.01.2026** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this day the **06th day of May 2026**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mattikere Branch, Bangalore** for an amount of **Rs.44,91,699/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Nine only)** as on **30.04.2026** plus interest from **01.05.2026** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the closure of loan account.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE (DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY)
SCHEDULE-A: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No 21, bearing old khatha No. 582/0/21, BBMP New Khatha No. 31/33/21, coming under the purview of BBMP Ward No 8, measuring East to West 70 feet and North to South 40 feet situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, bounded on; East by: Site No. 18, West by: Road, North by: Site No.22, South by: Site No.20.
SCHEDULE -B: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No.22, bearing old Khatha No.582/0/22, BBMP New Khatha No.383/582/0/22, coming under the purview of BBMP Ward No.8, measuring East to West 70 feet and North to South 40 feet situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, bounded on; East by: Site No.17, West by: Road, North by: Site No.23, South by: Site No. 21.
SCHEDULE-C: Description of the Apartment: Flat No.402 in the 4th Floor in the Apartment building known as "SHRI SAI SHANTHI NILAYA" along with 230 Sq. feet of undivided share constructed in Site Nos.21 and 22 measuring in total 5600 Sq. feet vide Amalgamation Khatha No.31/33/21/383/582/0/22 (Schedule "A" & "B" Properties) hereto with a super built up area of 1342 sq. feet along with undivided share in the total land situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and with all civic amenities hereto and the exclusive right to own one covered car parking space in the stilt area vide Flat No.402 and Flat bounded as follows; East by: Private Property, West by: Flat No.404, North by: Flat No.401, South by: Private Property. Inclusive of proportionate right to use common area such as passage, staircase and other areas of common use with concealed wiring together with specifications.

Date: 06.05.2026
 Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.

Indian Overseas Bank
 Residency Road Branch (0268), # 133/2, Janardhan Tower, Residency Road, Richmond Circle, Bangalore-560025. Phone: 080-22950268, IFSC Code: IOBA0000268, Swift Code: IOBAINBB268, E-mail: iob0268@iob.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)
(APPENDIX IV) [(Rule 8(1))]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Indian Overseas Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 01.01.2026 calling upon the borrowers / mortgagors / guarantors **Mr. G.Chalapathi, S/o Guruswamy**, residing at No.14, Old No.23/1, Muneshwara Nagar, Nadeswara Layout, Ayyappa Nagar, K.R.Puram Hobli, Basavanapura, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560036, (hereinafter referred as borrower) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.3,48,05,987.02 (Rupees Three Crores Forty Eight Lakhs Five thousand nine Hundred Eighty seven and Two Paise Only)** as on 29.04.2026 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc., till date of realization, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **30-04-2026**.

(2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of **Rs.3,48,05,987.02 (Rupees Three Crores Forty Eight Lakhs Five thousand nine Hundred Eighty seven and Two Paise Only)** as on 29.04.2026 with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is **Rs.3,48,05,987.02 (Rupees Three Crores Forty Eight Lakhs Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Seven and Two Paise Only)** as on 29.04.2026 payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., till date of payment. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section(8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property - Prime Security:
Nature of Security: Equitable Mortgage followed by Registered memorandum of Residential house flat (Prime Security):- **Particulars of Registered memorandum of Property 1: SCHEDULE PROPERTIES: (Description of entire Property):**
ITEM No.1: All that piece and parcel of the Western portion of property bearing vacant site No.2A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 28 feet, and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 1344 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.2; **West by:** Site No.3; **North by:** Private Property; **South by:** Site No.30.
ITEM No.1A: All that piece and parcel of the Eastern Portion of property bearing vacant site No.3A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to west 22 feet and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 1056 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Site No.2; **West by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.3; **North by:** Private Property; **South by:** Site No.29 & 30.
ITEM No.1B: All that piece and parcel of the Eastern Portion of property bearing vacant site No.29A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1C: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West the 33 feet 6 inches, and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 1608 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1D: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1E: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1F: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1G: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1H: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1I: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1J: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1K: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1L: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
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ITEM No.1N: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
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ITEM No.1P: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
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ITEM No.1T: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1U: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1V: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
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ITEM No.1X: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1Y: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1Z: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1AA: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
ITEM No.1AB: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
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ITEM No.1AG: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.2 & 3; **South by:** Road.
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ITEM No.1AM: All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of property bearing vacant site No.30A, Katha No. 315/25/1, Old Property No.25, New Property No.25/1, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Old Ward No.14, K.R.Puram CMC limits, present Ward No.53, now coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 16 feet, 6 inches and North to South 48 feet, Measuring 792 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and being bounded: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Site No.30; **West by:** Site No.29; **North by:** Site No.



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Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow
• TDS: Thunderstorm • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

US, Iran closing in on deal: Report

US officials say agreement to end war within reach; Iranian ship attacked

WASHINGTON

THE United States and Iran appeared to be moving closer Wednesday to an initial agreement to end the war, a report said as US President Trump sought to pressure Tehran with threats of a new wave of bombing if a deal is not reached.

Trump posted on social media that the two-month war could soon end and that oil and natural gas shipments disrupted by the conflict could restart. But he said that depends on Iran accepting a reported agreement that the president did not detail. "If they don't agree, the bombing starts," Trump wrote.

Trump made his latest comments after he suspended a short-lived US effort to force open a safe passage for commercial ships through the Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway through which major oil and gas supplies, fertilizer and other petroleum products passed before the war.

The White House believes it is near an agreement with Iran on a one-page memorandum to end the war, according to reporting by *Axios*. There is not an agreement yet, but the provisions include a moratorium on Iranian uranium enrichment, lifting of US sanctions, distribution of frozen Iranian funds and opening the strait for ships. The White House did not immediately respond to questions about the possible agreement.

Trump said in his social media post that it was "perhaps a big assumption" that Iran would agree to the terms being offered by the United States.

"If they don't agree, the bombing starts, and it will be, sadly, at a much higher level and intensity than it was before," Trump said. A shaky ceasefire between the US and Tehran has largely held since it began April 8.

Pakistan hosted in-person talks last month between Iran and a US delegation led by Vice



France's aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle heading towards the southern Red Sea to pre-position for a possible mission to restore navigation in Strait of Hormuz | AFP

France moves aircraft carrier toward Hormuz

Paris: France's aircraft carrier the Charles de Gaulle was on Wednesday heading towards the southern Red Sea to pre-position for a possible mission to restore navigation in the Strait of Hormuz, the presidency and defence ministry said. The move was intended to send "a signal that not only are we ready to secure the Strait of Hormuz but that we are also capable of doing so", one of the aides to President Emmanuel Macron told reporters. The French effort is distinct from the US "Project Freedom" mission, launched on Sunday and paused by US President Donald Trump on Tuesday evening

President JD Vance, but the talks failed to result in a deal. Hundreds of merchant ships remain bottled up in the Persian Gulf, unable to reach the open sea without passing through the Strait of Hormuz. The US said it had opened a safe shipping lane through the strait Monday and sunk six small Iranian boats that had threatened commercial ships. But Trump announced Tuesday he was pausing the effort to see whether an agreement could be reached.

Iranian tanker disabled
Meanwhile, a US Navy warplane fired on and disabled the

rudder of an oil tanker that tried to break Washington's blockade of Iranian ports. US forces warned the Iranian-flagged M/T Hasna, which was unladen, that it was in violation of the blockade, but its crew "failed to comply," so a US F/A-18 Super Hornet "disabled the tanker's rudder by firing several rounds from (its) 20mm cannon gun," Central Command (CENTCOM) said in a post on X. "Hasna is no longer transiting to Iran," CENTCOM said.

On April 19, another Iranian-flagged ship, the M/V Touska, attempted to violate the blockade and ignored multiple warnings from a US destroyer, CENTCOM said at the time. *Agencies*

China eyes greater role in peace push

BEIJING

CHINA'S Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Beijing would play a "greater role" in ending hostilities in the Middle East during talks with his Iranian counterpart on Wednesday, a week before President Donald Trump is to meet Xi Jinping.

China is a key customer for Iranian oil, defying sanctions imposed by the United States, and is directly affected by the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz bordered by Iran.

Beijing has quietly engaged in efforts to resolve the week-long crisis and its diplomacy is credited with playing an important role in the ceasefire between Washington and Tehran.

China "will work harder to ease tensions and end the fighting, continue to support the launch of peace talks, and play a greater role in restoring peace and tranquility to the Middle East", Wang



told Iran's Abbas Araghchi.

"China considers that a complete cessation of fighting must be achieved without delay, that it is even more unacceptable to restart hostilities, and that continuing to negotiate remains essential," Wang said.

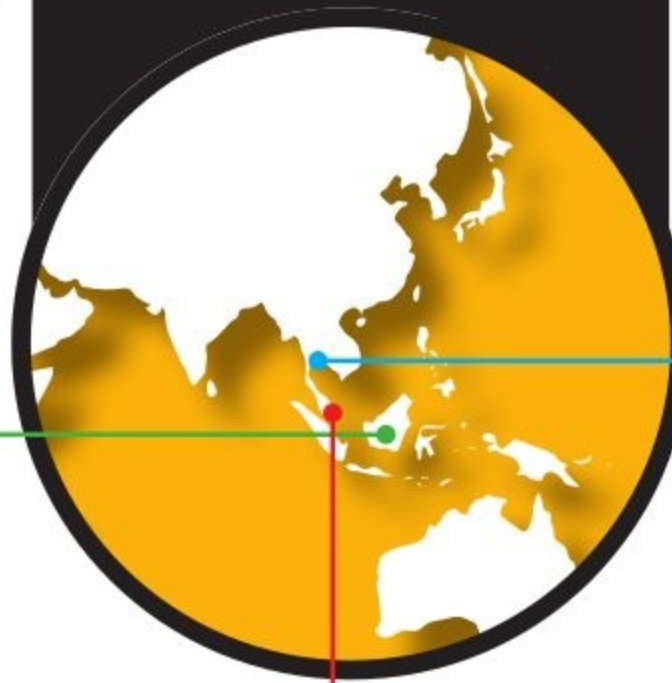
Manufacturing giant China has been comparatively sheltered from fuel shortages thanks to oil reserves and renewable energy, but costs of oil-derived materials like plastic and fabric have risen significantly. More than half of the crude imported by sea to China comes from the West Asia and mainly transits through the Hormuz strait. *AFP*

INDONESIA

BUS-TANKER CRASH KILLS 16 IN SUMATRA

A road accident involving a passenger bus and a fuel tanker killed 16 people and injured four others on Indonesia's Sumatra island on Wednesday, a disaster agency official told AFP. "Fourteen passengers of the bus and two people from the oil tanker died" in the crash in North Musi Rawas Regency, official Hasbi Hasidqi said by telephone as local TV broadcast images of wreckage in flames. Four people were hospitalised, three of them with serious burns, according to another emergency official. Initial information suggested one of the bus tyres had burst.

ASIA MATTERS



SINGAPORE

P.I.O. IN HOT WATER OVER IMPORTED CARS

An Indian-origin director of a Singaporean company has been fined by a court here for over S\$61 million (USD 785,314) and sentenced to two months' jail for various offences related to under-declaring the value of imported vehicles, including a Porsche, between October 2018 and February 2024.

THAILAND

TOURIST BEHAVIOUR UNDER LENS

Thailand vowed Wednesday to tighten oversight of tourists' behaviour after a series of incidents involving foreigners caught making love in public, warning they damaged the country's image. Tourism is vital to the Southeast Asian nation's economy but foreign arrivals are yet to return to their pre-Covid highs. Visitors displaying "inappropriate behaviour" would face prosecution as it "contradicts the beautiful culture of Thailand", the prime minister's office said. It followed an incident where a couple was found making love in a tuk-tuk in Phuket.

HANTAVIRUS

Man tests positive in Zurich, WHO rejects Covid-19 comparison

ZURICH

A former passenger on a cruise ship stricken by a deadly hantavirus outbreak is being treated in a Zurich hospital having tested positive for the disease, Swiss authorities said on Wednesday.

The man and his wife, both Swiss nationals, returned to Switzerland, having left the MV Hondius at the Atlantic Ocean island of Saint Helena, the Swiss health ministry told AFP. "One person has tested positive for hantavirus in Switzerland," said a ministry statement.

A medical plane that left Cape Verde following the evacuation of a cruise ship hit by the hantavirus landed in Spain's Canary Islands on Wednesday, while a second flight headed for the Netherlands.

Downplaying fears over the deadly outbreak aboard the MV Hondius, World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus insisted it was not comparable to the Covid pandemic.

As the WHO said emergency crews had evacuated three people from the ship, experts confirmed the version of the virus detected aboard the Hondius is a rare strain that can be transmitted between humans.

Two sick crew members and

another person who had been in contact with one of the confirmed cases were taken from the ship, which was moored off Cape Verde, the WHO said.

They later boarded flights at the airport in Cape Verde's capital Praia. Plane tracker FlightRadar24 indicated one had taken off bound for Amsterdam, where it was due to land at 1730 GMT. The other flight, a medical transport plane, landed at Las Palmas in Spain's Canary Islands on Wednesday afternoon, an AFP journalist saw.

It has not been specified who was on the planes.

Health officials played down fears of a wider global outbreak from the virus, which is less contagious than Covid.

UN health agency chief Tedros told AFP it was not like the Covid-19 pandemic, adding: "The risk to the rest of the world is low."

The ship has been at the centre of an international health scare since Saturday, when the WHO was informed that three passengers had died and the suspected cause was hantavirus.

The rare respiratory disease is usually spread from infected rodents, typically through urine, droppings and saliva. Passengers began falling ill a month ago. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

UK police launch team to combat antisemitism

London: The Metropolitan Police on Wednesday launched a dedicated Community Protection Team made up of an initial tranche of 100 extra officers to tackle rising antisemitic hate crimes in London. The new team brings together neighbourhood policing, specialist protection and counter-terrorism capabilities to provide a "more visible, intelligence-led and coordinated" presence focused on protecting Jewish communities across London

US strike on 'drug boat' kills 3 in Pacific Ocean

Washington: The US military launched another strike on Tuesday on a vessel suspected of transporting drugs in the eastern Pacific Ocean, killing three men. The attack came a day after US forces struck an alleged drug boat in the Caribbean Sea, killing two people. The Trump administration's campaign of blowing up alleged drug-trafficking vessels in Latin American waters has persisted since early September and killed at least 191 people in total

SEMICONDUCTOR

Musk's SpaceX to invest \$55 bn on chip project

WASHINGTON

US billionaire Elon Musk's SpaceX plans to invest at least \$55 billion to build a semiconductor manufacturing facility in Texas, according to a public notice on Wednesday, producing chips for artificial intelligence, robotics and data centers in space.

The world's richest person has said the new facility, dubbed Terafab, would be run jointly by his electric-vehicle firm Tesla and his rocket company SpaceX.

Initial investment would be "\$55 billion, with an estimated total capital investment (if additional phases are constructed) of \$119 billion", according to a notice of public hearing in Grimes County, Texas, where the upcoming facility will be located, about 110 kilometres northwest of Texas city of Houston.

Terafab "would represent a transformative investment in domestic semiconductor manufacturing capacity", according to a description of the project in the notice.

Musk, who has no prior experience in semiconductors, has said Terafab is necessary because Tesla and SpaceX's demand for computing power is expected to far exceed that of global chip suppliers.

Eventually, the project aims to make chips to support 100 to 200 gigawatts of computing power on Earth, and a terawatt in space. The Grimes County commissioners court was set to meet on June 3 to discuss approving a property tax abatement for the project, according to the notice. *AFP*

CNN founder Ted Turner no more

NEW YORK

TED Turner, the flamboyant US entrepreneur who transformed television news with the creation of CNN in 1980, has died at the age of 87, the network said Wednesday.

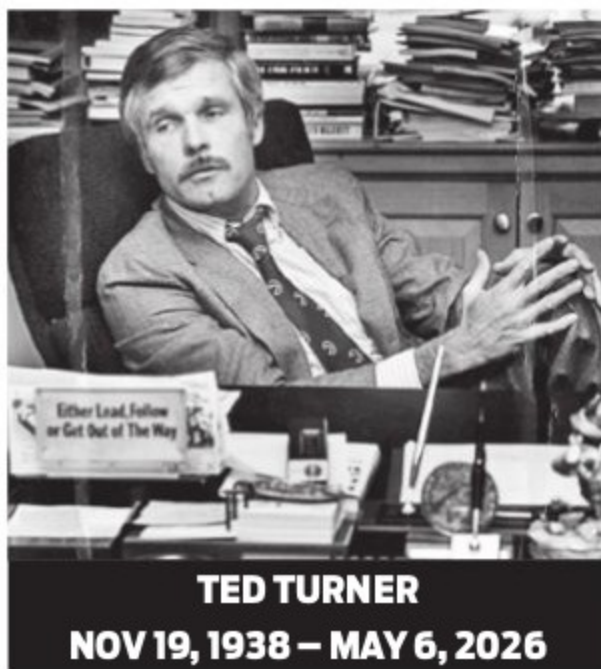
A brash risk taker, Turner helped reshape the American television industry in the late 20th century.

He created CNN in 1980, revolutionizing the way America, and the world, got their news, and then went on to become one of the most prominent business leaders and philanthropists of his era.

He also made a name for himself with spectacular business deals, his ownership of professional sports clubs, a marriage to actress Jane Fonda, his leadership of a competitive yachting team and then a devotion to charitable and environmental causes.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio in November 1938, Robert Edward "Ted" Turner III went to a military boarding school in Tennessee, and then attended Brown University, but was expelled before graduating.

Turner took over a faltering



family advertising business after his father, Edward Turner, despondent over financial problems, committed suicide.

After buying a number of radio stations, Turner's purchase of a struggling Atlanta station in 1970 was his first move into television.

Ten years later, that became the flagship of his nationwide Turner Broadcasting System, the profits from which he parlayed into the launch of CNN.

CNN launched in 1980 as the first 24-hour cable news network, gaining traction in the United States and later internationally.

The launch came as viewers

were shifting from broadcast to cable and CNN became a key source of news during the 1990-1991 Gulf War, delivering extensive live coverage using satellite technology.

CNN's success inspired the creation of other 24-hour news channels including Fox News by longtime Turner rival Rupert Murdoch, MSNBC and countless station worldwide.

Turner's television empire expanded well beyond CNN and included TBS and TNT channels for sports and entertainment, Turner Classic Movies and Cartoon Network, among many others.

As his television empire expanded, Turner made a failed bid to acquire CBS in the 1980s and then briefly acquired MGM/UA Entertainment Co. studios. Turner sold the Hollywood group back months later, while keeping the rights to large portions of its catalog including films from MGM.

He managed to land even bigger deals in the 1990s when Turner Broadcasting merged with Time Warner in 1996, making him vice chairman of the media-entertainment powerhouse. *Agencies*

N Korea drops unification references from constitution

North Korea has deleted all references to uniting with South Korea from its constitution, a document reviewed by AFP on Wednesday showed

A KEY CLAUSE

Pyongyang's constitution had previously contained a clause stating that it aimed "to realise the unification of the motherland"

That reference no longer appears in the latest version, presented on Wednesday by a professor during a news conference at South Korea's Unification Ministry



1950-53

war between South and North Korea ended without a peace treaty, leaving the two still at war technically

'LEAVE US ALONE'

By deleting references to unification, North Korea appears to signal that it will no longer seek to claim South Korean territory. In turn, Pyongyang expects the South not to infringe on the North's territory, said Yang Moo-jin, professor emeritus at Seoul Univ

JAKARTA

INDONESIA'S government is mulling an e-commerce ban for under-16s, the communications minister told AFP Wednesday, hot on the heels of Jakarta imposing a sweeping social media prohibition for teens.

"E-commerce (platforms) are next, because we found children who became scam victims through e-commerce," Communications and Digital Minister Meutya Hafid said in an interview in Jakarta, without providing further details.

In March, app-addicted Indonesia started enforcing a social

media ban for under-16s in a bid to shield some 70 million children from the threats of on-line pornography, cyberbullying and internet addiction.

The policy followed Australia's landmark move in December to stop teenagers holding accounts on many popular platforms. The regulation initially targeted eight "high risk" platforms: YouTube, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X, streaming service Bigo Live and gaming platform Roblox.

But it will eventually apply to "all digital platforms", Meutya said Wednesday, including on-line shopping sites.



The Southeast Asian archipelago of more than 284 million people boasts among the highest concentration of social media users in the world. Meutya said the govern-

ment's aim was to help parents take on the "big platforms" to protect their children.

"Letting them face off against (the platforms) alone, without rules, is like letting parents play chess against a grandmaster. They won't win, or will be very hard to win," Meutya said.

Roblox became the latest platform to comply with the new regulations, introducing age verification technology and restricting content based on users' age, the government said last week. More than half of Roblox's 45 million Indonesian users are children under 16, the government said. *AFP*

RIFT IN BOARDROOM

SRINIVASAN, SINGH ASKED TO LEAVE TATA TRUST



(Left-Right) Vijay Singh and Venu Srinivasan

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

IN a further escalation of the rift within the Tata Trusts — set to meet on Friday to appoint their nominees to the board of Tata Sons — vice-chairmen Venu Srinivasan and Vijay Singh have been asked to step down from the Tata Education and Development Trust (TEDT) at the end of their current term.

The decision follows a vote earlier this week in which trustees Mehli Mistry and JN Mistry opposed their reappointments to the little-known trust.

While the Tata Trusts did not officially confirm the development, a source familiar with the matter told TNIE on Wednesday that Siddharth Sharma, chief executive of Tata Trusts — which owns 66.4% of Tata Sons — has asked Srinivasan and Singh to relinquish their trusteeships by May 10, when their current terms end. The request was conveyed through separate emails sent earlier in the day, the source added.

Under the articles of association of the Tata Education and Development Trust, as well as the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, 1950, appointments and reappointments of trustees require unanimity. In this instance, the opposition from the two Mistris effectively blocked the reap-

pointments, prompting Sharma to ask Srinivasan and Singh to step down.

The trust had met on May 3 to consider their reappointments. While Srinivasan and Singh voted in favour of each other, Tata Trusts chairman Noel Tata did not cast his vote at the time, the source said.

The development marks a fresh flashpoint in the internal discord within the Tata Trusts, coming just days ahead of a crucial board meeting on May 8 that is expected to take a call on the reappointment of Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran for a third term.

The trusts have the right to nominate one-third of Tata Sons' nine-member board. Currently, they are underrepresented, with only two nominees—Noel Tata and Srinivasan—after Singh exited the board last September following opposition from four trustees.

Since Noel Tata assumed the chairmanship of the trusts in October 2024, after the demise of Ratan Tata, internal differences have intensified. The first major flashpoint came last September when Singh's reappointment to the Tata Sons board was rejected by four trustees—Mehli Mistry, Pramit Jhaveri, Darius Khambata, and Jehangir C. Jehangir.

REQUIRES UNANIMITY
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Hyundai to invest ₹45k cr between FY26 and FY30

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HYUNDAI Motor India (HMI) has completed 30 years in India during which it has invested ₹40,700 crore in scaling operations and creating infrastructure. The company has committed additional ₹45,000 crore between FY26 and FY30 to boost production capacity, expand electrification and develop future mobility solutions.

HMI was incorporated on May 6, 1996, marking its entry into the Indian market and soon began building its first facility in Irungattukottai, near Chennai, Tamil Nadu. This move established India as a key manufacturing hub outside of South Korea, with the plant fully commissioned in 1998 for the launch of Hyundai Santro.

While Santro became an instant hit, Hyundai's future products such as i10, i20, Verna, Creta and Venue remain credible and high-selling nameplates to date. The company had announced a robust launch pipeline of 26 new products and variants by FY30 on its Investor Day in October 2025.

For years, Hyundai remained the second-largest player in the domestic PV market and the biggest exporter of PVs from India. In recent years, the car-maker's market share has taken a hit with the brand slipping to fourth position due to competition from local players and production constraints. In the export market, HMI is the second-largest player after Maruti Suzuki. To meet growing demand and reinforce India's role as a global hub, HMI operationalised its Talegaon manufacturing facility in Pune in 2025.

HDFC Bank gets clean chit on governance issues

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a relief to HDFC Bank, three law firms hired by the country's largest private sector lender to review allegations of ethical and governance lapses raised by former part-time chairman Atanu Chakraborty have given a clean chit to the bank and its management.

Following Chakraborty's surprise resignation on March 18, the bank had engaged two Mumbai-based law firms—Trilegal and Wadia Ghandy & Co—along with a US-based firm, after the former civil servant-turned-banker stepped down citing an “incongruence” between his personal values and the bank's practices. However, despite repeated requests to substantiate his concerns, Chakraborty



Findings pave way for Jagdishan's 3rd term
A source told the findings paved the way for a potential third term for CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan, whose tenure ends in October.

didn't elaborate, prompting the bank to initiate an independent legal review on May 26.

While a bank spokesperson declined to comment on the development, a source told that the findings paved the way for a potential third term for CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan, whose tenure ends in October. The bank is likely to send its recommendation

to the RBI later this month.

In a parallel development, the Bombay High Court on Tuesday dismissed a corruption case filed against Jagdishan last May by the Lilavati Trust, which runs the Lilavati Hospital, calling the case frivolous. Both developments boosted investor sentiment. Shares of HDFC Bank rose 3% to ₹796 on Wednesday.



Paytm turns profitable in FY26, posts ₹552 cr profit



ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PAYTM on Wednesday reported its first-ever full-year profit, posting a profit after tax of Rs 552 crore for FY26, a milestone that marks a significant turnaround for the payments company after years of losses that deepened following the regulatory shutdown of its banking arm in early 2024.

Full-year revenue was at ₹8,437 crore, up 22% YoY, driven by market share gains in both merchant and consumer

payments and a fast-growing financial services distribution business. For January-March quarter, operating revenue stood at ₹2,264 crore, up 18%. Net profit for the quarter came in at ₹183 crore, an improvement of ₹370 crore YoY.

Paytm's consumer UPI gross transaction value grew 46% YoY in Q4FY26 — more than twice the industry growth rate of 21% — with the company gaining UPI market share every single month through FY26. Monthly transacting users expanded by 50 lakh over the year to reach 7.7 crore. On the merchant side, GMV growth accelerated from 24% in the December quarter to 27% in the March quarter. Subscription merchants reached 1.51 crore, with 27 lakh net additions over the year.

Tamil Nadu Newsprint & Papers reports ₹4,721 cr revenue in FY26

Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited has reported revenue of ₹4,720.77 crore for FY26 as against ₹4,588.31 crore in the previous year. The company earned profit before interest, depreciation and Tax (EBITDA) of ₹556.66 crore for the year ended March 31, 2026 as against ₹525.17 crore in the previous year.



After providing ₹312.90 crore towards depreciation & amortisation and ₹193.16 crore for finance cost, it earned profit before tax of ₹50.60 crore as against a profit of ₹5.30 crore in the previous year. Profit after tax is ₹247.75 crore as against a profit of ₹3.73 crore in the previous year. The company has reported total revenue of ₹1291.77 crore for Q4FY26.

Market surges over 1%, investors' wealth increases by ₹6 lakh crore

Dalal Street rises on expectation of a lasting solution to geopolitical tensions in West Asia

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE domestic equity market recorded significant gains on Wednesday, with the benchmarks BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty50 closing higher by 1% each amid expectations that geopolitical tensions in West Asia are likely to ease following remarks by US President Donald Trump and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

While Rubio stated that “Operation Epic Fury” had concluded after 68 days, Trump declared a brief halt to the US military's “Project Freedom” mission aimed at reopening the Strait of Hormuz, citing “great progress” in negotiations toward a possible deal with Iran.

Following their statement, which revived hopes of a US-Iran peace deal, oil prices eased and global equity market, led by Korea's Kospi (up 6%), surged sharply, boosting investors' sentiment. Brent crude prices fell 12% to hit a low of \$96.74/barrel. At close, the Sensex surged 940.73 points (1.22%) to settle at 77,958.52, while the Nifty gained 298.15 points (1.24%) to end at 24,330.95.



The broader markets remained strong, with the Nifty Midcap index rising 1.76% and the Small Cap index advancing 1.93%, indicating sustained buying interest across the broader space. Investors' wealth surged by ₹6 lakh crore as the overall market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms jumped to ₹473 lakh crore from below ₹467 lakh crore in the previous session.

“Diplomatic signals emerging from the West Asia conflict have turned increasingly constructive, amid reports that the US and Iran are close to agreeing on a one-page memorandum aimed at ending the war, improving global risk sentiment. If negotiations sustain momentum, the prolonged consolidation phase in the Nifty could begin transitioning into a more durable market re-rating,” said Siddhartha Khemka, research head, wealth management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services. He added that supportive domestic macros and a steady Q4FY26 earnings season continue to underpin broader sentiment.

Khemka stated that combined with the improving geopolitical backdrop, policy support and macro tailwinds are, for the first time in several months, beginning to align in favour of risk assets. Among the sectoral stocks, airline shares surged sharply on Tuesday. IndiGo jumped nearly 7% and was the Nifty top gainer.

Rupee rises 61 paise to 94.57 on oil price fall

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

RUPEE appreciated 61 paise to close at 94.57 on Wednesday after over 8% fall in crude prices to near \$100 a barrel as the US hinted at a possible deal with Iran, along with the RBI intervention propped the rupee.

The rupee had plunged to an all-time closing low of 95.25 on Tuesday after hitting 95.44. Forex traders said the RBI intervened in the market as the local unit has been facing severe pressure. Market sentiment was also boosted after Trump paused “project freedom,” a US operation to escort ships via the Strait of Hormuz, leading to expectation that an end to the US-Israel-Iran hostilities.

Dilip Parmar, senior research analyst at HDFC Securities, told TNIE rupee saw its largest single-day gain since April 2, bolstered by a retreat in crude prices and a weakening dollar against major currencies. “RBI intervention and risk-averse sentiment, along with a market rally, provided additional support to the rupee.”

RIL to shut refinery for maintenance; no supply crisis: Govt

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

RELIANCE Industries is likely to shut several units at its 660,000 barrels per day refinery for scheduled maintenance for three to four weeks, a petroleum ministry official said on Wednesday.

Speaking at the daily inter-ministerial press briefing, Joint Secretary Sujata Sharma said all refineries undergo periodic annual maintenance, but the government ensures that shutdowns are staggered.

According to the official, the shutdown will begin after Nayara Energy resumes operations later this month. Nayara's 400,000 bpd Vadinar refinery, which has been closed since early April 2026, is set to resume by mid-May.

“All refineries go for maintenance shutdown... we ensure it does not hamper production or impact people in the country,” Sharma said.

Reliance Industries operates the Jamnagar complex in Gujarat, the world's largest single-site refining hub, with a capacity of 1.24 million barrels per day. The company accounts for more than 70% of India's refined product exports and supplies fuel to markets including Europe and the United States.

According to reports, Reliance Industries plans to shut a crude processing unit along with several secondary units at the refinery

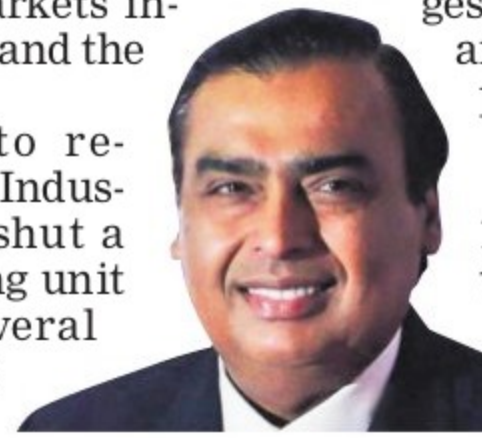


PLANNED OUTAGE

- 1 Shutdown to begin after Nayara Energy resumes ops later this month
- 2 RIL outage is likely to last three-four weeks
- 3 RIL's Jamnagar complex is world's largest refining hub

for routine maintenance. The planned outage is expected to last between three and four weeks.

Meanwhile, crude prices in the international market fell below \$100 after U.S. President Donald Trump indicated a halt to “Project Freedom,” a naval effort to escort vessels through the Strait of Hormuz, suggesting progress toward a final agreement with Iran. Brent crude fell 10% to \$98 per barrel, while WTI dropped more than 12% to \$89. Reports suggested that the US and Iran are discussing a one-page memorandum to pause tensions in the Hormuz region. At 17:56 PM IST, Brent was trading at \$101.4 per barrel, while WTI stood at \$93.65 per barrel.



Business & Beyond



GRSE revenue up 38% at ₹7,002 crore, profit after tax increases by 42% to ₹748 crore

Kolkata: Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) has announced its financial results for Q4 and FY26. The revenue reported during FY26 was ₹7,002 crore, a growth of 38% over FY25. The PAT rose by 42% to ₹748 crore. PR Hari, IN (Retd), chairman and MD, GRSE, said, “We intend maintaining the tempo in the years ahead through capability enhancement, new technology adoption and calibrated business diversification.”

South Indian Bank sees highest-ever profit of ₹1,455 cr in FY26

Kerala-based private lender South Indian Bank on Wednesday reported its highest-ever net profit of ₹1,455.14 crore for FY26 compared to ₹1,302.88 crore in FY25, a rise of 11.69%, driven by improved asset quality for the current fiscal. The bank reported a net profit of ₹407.50 crore in Q4FY26 as against ₹342.19 crore during the same period in FY25. The bank also reported its highest-ever operating profit of ₹2,373 crore and highest-ever business of Rs 2,23,620 crore. The bank's net NPA reduced from 0.92% to 0.29% on year-on-year basis.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby notified that my client is intending to sell the herein scheduled property. THE PROPERTY BEARING SY.NO.96/8 KENGAL VILLAGE, SOMPURA HOBLI, NELAMANGALA TALUK, BANGALURU RURAL MEASURING 00-03 GUNTAS hearing Document No. NMS-1-00343-2018/19 dated 9/04/2018 and any other person having any objection thereto may write to me, the undersigned within 7 days hereof, along with the copies of all the documents being relied upon, failing which, my client will proceed to sell the scheduled property.

SCHEDULE

The property bearing Sy.No.96/8, kengal Village, sompura hobli, nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural measuring 00-03 guntas of land bounded on the EAST BY : Road, WEST BY : Private Property, NORTH BY : Remaining land Sy No.96/2, SOUTHBY : Remaining land Sy No.96/2

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Notice is hereby given to the general public that I, Senthilkumar, owner of Flat No.815, 8th Floor, Autom Block, in the apartment building known as "WINDSOR FOURSSEASONS" Sy No.69/2, Hulimavu, Behind Moonakshi temple, Off Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076 has lost the original sale deed pertaining to the above flat. In this regard, I have lodged a complaint before the Bengaluru City Police, vide e-Report No. 2166311/2026 dated 21-04-2026. Any person/s who may have found the said documents are hereby requested to hand over the same to the undersigned.

Senthilkumar,

Flat No.815, 8th Floor, Autom Block, "WINDSOR FOURSSEASONS" Sy No.69/2, Hulimavu, Bengaluru-560076.

BEFORE THE LXXVXV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CH 87)

Com. OS No. 130 of 2026

BETWEEN: M/s. Celestium Financial Ltd. C. 28, Bhadrappa Layout, Maruti Nagar, Outer Ring Rd, Nagashetty Halli, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560094 Represented by its authorised signatory, Mr. Mahesh G. ... PLAINTIFF

AND: 1. Mr. Prakash Nagapathi Walekar Sri. Maruthi Jewellers S/o. B. No. 1, Street, Laxmi Road Cross, Bengaluru, Karnataka 01 2. Ms. Rupaali Walekar Flat No. C2, VJSH Crescent, No. 125, Narayana Pili Street, 5th Cross, Bharathi Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560001 ... DEFENDANTS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER ORDER V RULE 22 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908. 1. Mr. Prakash Nagapathi Walekar 2. Ms. Rupaali Walekar

Whereas the above named Plaintiff has filed the above suit against the Defendants seeking recovery of Rs. 7,40,245/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Four Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Five Only) along with further interest at the agreed rate of 18% per annum from the date of filing of the suit, and you have been arrayed as Defendants in the said suit. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on 28/05/2026 at 11 A.M. in person or through a legal counsel, the suit will proceed ex parte.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

An undivided share of land measuring 285 square feet, together with a residential apartment bearing Flat No. 46/10 situated at 10th Main Road, Now 12th Main Road, 6th Block BEMP Ward No.21, New Ward No. 106, having PID No. 21-6-46/10-E-PID No. 9338712341 Bangalore and measuring East to West 30-0 feet and North to South 40-0 feet in all measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on the - East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Private Property.

Item No. 1 : All that Place and Parcel of the immovable converted property bearing No. 46/10 Situated at 10th Main Road, Now 12th Main Road, 6th Block BEMP Ward No.21, New Ward No. 106, having PID No. 21-6-46/10-E-PID No. 9338712341 Bangalore and measuring East to West 30-0 feet and North to South 40-0 feet in all measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on the - East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Private Property.

Item No. 2 : All that Place and Parcel of the immovable converted property bearing No. 46/11 Situated at 10th Main Road, Now 12th Main Road, 6th Block BEMP Ward No.21, New Ward No. 106, having PID No. 21-6-46/11-E-PID No. 9338712341 Bangalore and measuring East to West 30-0 feet and North to South 40-0 feet in all measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on the - East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Private Property.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client, Sri. SUBHAM JAIN, S/o Sri. Nareesh Jain, residing at No. 918, 3rd Floor, 2nd Main Road, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, intends to proceed with the CANCELLATION of the Registered Special Power of Attorney (SPA) dated 27-02-2025. The said SPA was executed by the Executant, Sri. SUBHAM JAIN, in favour of the Attorney Holder, Sri. B.N. RAJAJAIN, and was registered as Document No. RJN-1-00046-2024-25, Book-IV, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru. This authority was granted in relation to the properties described in the Schedule below.

Any person/s having any claim, objection, or interest arising out of the proposed revocation and cancellation of the said Power of Attorney are requested to submit their objections in writing to the undersigned within ten (10) days from the date of this notice.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **Mr.Chetan S/o P.S Renuka Prasad** is willing to sell the Schedule Property in favour of my Client **Mrs.Sapana Singh W/o Mr.Durjaya Singh** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned their Advocate **Bhoppa KK, #14, 15th Cross, 1st "D" Main, MTS Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengauri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-60**, within 07 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The land Sy.No.36/1 of Punagamaramahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring to an extent of 0-20 (A/G) and excluding 0-00-08 (Half) Gunte Karab, bounded on East by Land belong to Shreevats, West by Government Road to Vijayalakshmi, North by Government Road, & South by land belongs to Shantalakshmi.

Contact : Mr. **Bhoppa KK**, Advocate

Office at: #14, 1st "D" Main Road

MTS Layout, 15th Cross Road, 2nd Stage,

Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560060.

E-Mail id: kbklavpnt@gmail.com

Contact No: 9738240991

Date : 06.05.2026

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE (FIC) AT VELLORE

A.S.No.1/2024 IN O.S.No.80/2011

J. Ganesh Moorthy

...Petitioner/Appellant/4th Defendant

-Vs-

1. Malarkodi

2. Suseelammal

3. Prema

4. Tamilselvi

...Respondents/ Responds/

1st Plaintiff & 1 to 4 Defendant

R3. Prema, W/o. P. Ramamoorthy,

D/o. Late. S.Managanar, aged about 54 years,

Hindu, residing at No.73/12, 7th Cross,

Someswarapuram, Cambridge Layout, Hulsar,

Bangalore-08, Karnataka.

The above said case is posted on

15-06-2026 for the appearance of the 3rd

respondent Prema. On that day at about

10.30 am you should appear before the

Hon'ble Court and make your objections either

in person or through advocate, otherwise court

may pass further orders against you.

K.M. BOOPATHI, M.L.,

Advocate and Notary Public,

No.61, Vellore to Chittoor Main Road,

Indian Terrain upstairs, 1st Floor,

(Near India Super Speciality Hospital &

Sathya Electronics,

Millennium Plaza), Gandhi Nagar, Katpadi,

Vellore - 632006.

Cell No: 98423 78937, Ph: 0416-2248972

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public at large that my client has negotiated to purchase the scheduled property from its owner Sri. Subbaraja V. S/o. Sri.V.Rama Mohan and Smt.Sushma G. W/o. Sri. Subbaraja V. both permanent residents of No.4/139A, Main Bazar, Chinnamandam Post, Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh-516214 and both presently residing at No.11, 1st and 2nd Floor, Subhash Building, 6th Cross, Thiruvarekere Main Road, Near Thiruvarekere Mori Bus Stop, Bengaluru-560 029. Any person's having any claim or objection for the proposed sale transaction may contact the undersigned with all relevant documents within Seven (7) days from the date of this publication, where after no such claims will be entertained and my client will proceed to purchase the scheduled property any objections received thereafter will be construed as an-awarrant.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential house property bearing No. 41/5, corporal house No.5, old No.41 measuring to an extent of East to West 30 feet North to South 40 feet in total measuring 1,200 Sq. feet, along with constructed Ground, First and Second floor RCC roof construction with all basic amenities having E-PID No.133032078, Old PID No.66-375, within the jurisdiction of BEMP Ward No.65 Madavala presently GBA situated at 2nd Main Road, Chikka Adugudi Extension, Brindavan Nagar, Tavarekere Post, Bengaluru, and bounded on:

East by : Private Property

West by : Private Property

North by : Private Property,

South by : Road

A. CHANDRA CHUD

Advocate & General Government

Senior Panel Counsel

"A.C. Associates",

No. 63, 4th Main, 6th Cross, Chamrajpet,

Bengaluru-560 018.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client intends to Purchase the Property bearing No.1763, Property No.1763/46, having E-Katha in form A (Rule 11) E-PID No.1359812890 (Old PID No.8-75-46), measuring East to West 25.5 feet, North to South 30 feet in all totally measuring 985 Sq. feet, under the limited of BEMP Ward No.76 (Gayathri Nagar), along with 12 Squares RCC Roofed Residential Building situated at 6th Main Road, "D" Block, Gayathrinagar, Bangalore City, Bangalore and the site is bounded on: East by: Site No.1848, West by : Road, North by : Site No.1764, South by: Site No.1762/A, from its owner **Gandhanah.N.**, who claims he is the absolute owner and in peaceful possession of the aforesaid Property and having acquired the same through a series of Sale Deeds, both dated 23.11.2015 both registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Vijayanagar, Bangalore. Hence if any person/s has any kind of charge, lien, adverse claim, any lease, Dispute or objections over the same, they are advised to contact me with all the documentary proof in support of the claim to the below mentioned address within TEN (10) Days from the date of this publication of notice, otherwise it will be construed that there are no charges or claims of whatsoever nature in respect of the aforesaid Property and my client will proceed for the purchase of the aforesaid Property.

I.M. DEVAIAH & ASSOCIATES,

Advocates,

No.4, 1st floor, Opp: Seshadripuram

Post office, Seshadripuram,

Bangalore - 560 020. (M) 9845105603

E-Mail: imdevaiah.associate@yahoo.co.in

Place : Bangalore Date : 06-05-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the awareness of the public in general that my client 1) **SMT.MANJULA B.G.,** 2) **SRI.KATKADI DODDI**, 3) **SRI.MANJUNATH**, 4) **SRI.CHANNAPPA TALUK**, 5) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 6) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 7) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 8) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 9) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 10) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 11) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 12) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 13) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 14) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 15) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 16) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 17) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 18) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 19) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 20) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 21) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 22) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 23) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 24) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 25) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 26) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 27) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 28) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 29) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 30) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 31) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 32) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 33) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 34) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 35) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 36) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 37) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 38) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 39) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 40) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 41) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 42) **SRI.SRIKANTH**, 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Zim women to tour
India for first time

Zimbabwe are all set to tour India in October to feature in six women's international contests. This will be the first-ever bilateral international meeting between the sides, with the ODI leg of the tour being part of the ICC Women's Championship 2025-29. Australia A and England A women also will tour India between September to December.

With big events ahead, India reiterate stand on Pak in new policy

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

THERE will be no bilateral cricket or hockey series involving India and Pakistan in the near future. The last cricket bilateral series was in 2012. Even when it came to playing in the World Cup, both countries preferred to play in neutral venues. Though the former is set to continue for a while, the latter arrangement might see some change with India putting out a formal sports policy regarding international events. This is both participation and hosting. Though certain provisions were part of an unsigned document

on the sports ministry website in August last year, this time the policy is signed and validated.

India have been under pressure from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Federations (IFs) after Pakistan players missed out on participating at international competitions including Olympic qualifiers. With India hosting the Commonwealth Games and bidding for Olympics in 2036 and Asian Games in 2038, Pakistan players skipping India events would show the country in poor light. The IOC is quite clear that no player should be denied a visa or not allowed

to play in the host country. Pakistan had been one sore point for India and the May 5 memorandum addressed that too.

India's policy of not playing Pakistan in bilateral series will continue. The explanation, "India's approach to sports events involving Pakistan reflects its overall policy in dealing with that country," said the office memorandum. But what seemed disconcerting is that Pakistani teams, especially cricket and hockey, had skipped multinational events due to security concerns. When Ahmedabad

hosts the CWG in 2030 and if Pakistan boycotts or skips, it will be a major embarrassment.

The memorandum states that when it comes to bilateral competitions, India will not participate in Pakistan nor will they allow Pakistan to compete here in India. On the other hand, when it comes to multi-nation events, India players will be allowed to participate. Similarly, Pakistan players would be allowed to play in India in multi-lateral events.

This will be a big relief for National Sports Federations (NSGs), who did not have a clear

idea as to what to expect during international competitions hosted in the country. This was also necessitated because India is pushing to host major international competitions in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games in 2030 to showcase its organizational skills. As reported by this newspaper, the sports ministry has asked all the NSFs to bid for world-class events. "With regard to international and multilateral events, in India or abroad, we are guided by the practices of international sports bodies and the interest of our own sports persons," said the memorandum. "It is also relevant to take

into account India's emergence as a credible venue to host international sports events."

"Accordingly, Indian teams and individual players will take part in international events that also have teams or players from Pakistan," said the letter. "Similarly, Pakistani players and teams will be able to participate in such multilateral events hosted by India."

The sports policy is not limited to just hosting or participating in international events but also regarding visas for IOC and IF officials. Since India would be hosting the Commonwealth Games and are bidding for the

Olympics and Asian Games, the country would be expecting multiple visits by delegates from different countries for various reasons — logistics, planning, evaluation and more.

In order to facilitate their multiple entries over a longer period of time, the sports ministry has said that the officials would be given visas for five years.

The policy is not new but the sports ministry is trying to normalize sporting ties with neighbours Pakistan. Whether or not Pakistan would participate, only time will tell.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

AHMEDABAD SET FOR ANOTHER IPL FINAL

BCCI breaks IPL tradition for play-off and final even as Karnataka State Cricket Association expresses displeasure

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

THE BCCI announced that the IPL, the showpiece of the Indian cricket season these days, will be hosted by Ahmedabad for a fourth time in six years. As per convention, the M Chinnaswamy Stadium was scheduled to host it as RCB were the defending champions. It was what the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) had also believed when they made it public in a press conference before the beginning of the league. But the BCCI, who had said a few days ago that nothing was decided yet, formally communicated their decision in a press release on Wednesday. "The season will conclude with the final on May 31 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad..." the release said. "Bengaluru was originally designated to host the Final. However, owing to certain requirements from the local association and authorities that were beyond the scope of BCCI's established guidelines and protocols, the venue has been shifted and reassigned."

Curiously, KSCA weren't kept in the loop by the BCCI before their release. KSCA, in a subsequent press release, said they "were disappointed". "At the outset, KSCA expresses its disappointment that the IPL Playoff matches have been allotted to other centres," said Vinay Mruthyunjaya, KSCA's official spokesperson. KSCA president Venkatesh Prasad was in touch with the BCCI in this regard and had also formally conveyed KSCA's preparedness.

In another departure, the BCCI decided that Ahmedabad will host only the final. Three of the four encounters in the next phase of the competition would be hosted in Dharamsala and New Chandiagarh. The BCCI didn't explain why they took this step. "Owing to certain operational and logistical considerations, the TATA IPL 2026 Playoffs will be conducted across three venues this season as a special case," they said.

Is this the new normal?

Ever since the new Stadium in Ahmedabad was open for cricket in 2021, it has kept getting big matches. Most recently, it hosted the T20 World Cup final in March. Because of its increased capacity, there's a certain logic to hosting some of the biggest matches. More footfalls equals more revenue. This could be one of the reasons why the BCCI may have decided to move the venue to Ahmedabad even though Gujarat Titans, the local franchise, didn't win the 2025 edition of the league.

Reading between the lines, the BCCI and the local association may have also reached an impasse with respect to giving out complimentary tickets for some elected policy-makers. However, DK Shivakumar, while speaking to reporters on Wednesday, made it clear there was no clear link between the two. "Ahmedabad has a bigger stadium and can accommodate more spectators," he said. "The decision to shift the IPL final could have been taken for that reason. It has

nothing to do with the distribution of free tickets to MLAs." However, Shivakumar promised to respond to the BCCI if the venue was changed for "ticket-related issues". This issue has once again thrown a light on how and why Ahmedabad keeps getting the biggest matches and some of them out of turn. While the Titans won the league in 2022 and promptly hosted the final in 2023, it also got to host the final in 2025 as well. In 2025, the BCCI moved the final from Kolkata to Ahmedabad citing bad weather conditions. In 2022, final was held there as the edition wasn't played under home-away format due to COVID.

At some level, you want to host the final in a venue with over 100,000 seats (in comparison Bengaluru, and most other Indian stadia, houses between 30 and 40,000). But, if that's now the un-

official policy, the BCCI should come out and say so rather than doing this with less than a month to go for the showpiece.



Sunrisers Hyderabad skipper Pat Cummins (C) celebrates a Punjab Kings wicket with his teammates in Hyderabad | PTI

SCHEDULE		
Qualifier 1	May 26	HPCA Stadium, Dharamsala
Eliminator	May 27	New International Cricket Stadium, New Chandiagarh
Qualifier 2	May 29	New International Cricket Stadium, New Chandiagarh
Final	May 31	Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad

4 This is the fourth time that the Narendra Modi Stadium would host the IPL final since 2022. The only other venue to have hosted the final in this time was the M Chidambaram Stadium in 2024.

Previous IPL finals at Ahmedabad

- 2022 (2021 champions were Chennai)
- 2023 (2022 champions were Gujarat)
- 2025 (2024 champions were Kolkata)
- 2026 (2025 champions were Bengaluru)

RCB SEEK MOMENTUM

Up against Lucknow Super Giants, holders RCB hope to remain in top-two race. A look...

Klaasen and Cummins shine as SRH go top

AGENCIES @ Hyderabad

A PROFLIGATE Punjab Kings put down catches at the Drop of a hat as Sunrisers Hyderabad buried them under a huge total, winning their IPL contest by 33 runs to move to the top of the points table here.

Heinrich Klaasen continued his manic consistency with a 43-ball-69 while Ishan Kishan struck 32-ball-55 in Sunrisers' more than healthy total of 235 for 4. On a placid track, SRH skipper Pat Cummins (2/34 in 4 overs) and their best bowler of the season Eshan Malinga (1/34 in 4 overs) not only provided breakthroughs but also bowled 21 dot balls to restrict the visitors to 202 for 7.

Cooper Connolly's (107 not out off 59 balls) century was the only saving grace for PBKS who were never in the contest after a disappointing powerplay show. PBKS thus lost their ninth consecutive IPL game in Hyderabad. The seventh win took SRH to 14 points and on top of the 10-team table. One more victory in

remaining three games will take them to magic figure of 16 points which will be good enough to ensure a play-off spot. Once skipper Cummins exposed the faulty technique of Priyansh Arya, whose game is devoid of any tangible footwork, there was no looking back for SRH. Prabhsimran Singh followed and even Shreyas Iyer was dismissed cheaply.

The fate of the match was decided in two Powerplays. While Abhishek Sharma and Travis Head's pyrotechnics took SRH to 79 for 1 in their six overs, PBKS managed only 57 for 3. However, Punjab Kings would blame their deplorable fielding that contributed heavily towards their defeat. Kishan-Klaasen duo were dropped thrice all sitters and the vice-captain was also lucky to survive a regulation stumping chance bungled by Prabhsimran, whose glove work hasn't been upto the mark.

Brief scores: SRH 235/4 in 20 ovs (Klaasen 69, Kishan 55, Head 38, Abhishek 35, Chahal 1/32) **bt** PBKS 202/7 in 20 ovs (Connolly 107 n.o.; Cummins 2/34).

Contest that delivers

When Royal Challengers Bengaluru take on LSG, entertainment has been a guarantee. Multiple on-field drama has happened in past, this one could be no different.

Rishabh feels heat

Since taking over as LSG captain, Rishabh Pant has not delivered both as batter and skipper. For a franchise that is known to be ruthless, LSG may soon be looking at options.

PCB sends notice to defaulting business partners

AGENCIES @ Lahore

THE Pakistan Cricket Board has launched a strong campaign to recover dues to the tune of billions from defaulting franchisees, broadcast and business partners in order to fill up organizational coffers.

According to a PCB source, recently legal notices were sent to various PSL franchisees, business and broadcast partners asking them to clear their pending dues to avoid facing any legal action which could lead to cancellation of their respective contracts. "Initially some defaulting franchisees of the PSL were also sent notices. These franchisees have now cleared their dues but also asked the board to clear their share from the central pool."

EXPRESS READ

Narang & Annu launch Project Amarjeet

NEW DELHI: Olympic bronze medallist and four-time Olympian Gagan Narang, along with his wife and fellow Olympian Annu Raj Singh, the first Indian woman pistol shooter to qualify for the Olympic Games, on Wednesday announced the launch of Project Amarjeet, a free coaching, mentoring and guidance initiative open to any shooter, coach or academy across India.

Compound teams return empty-handed

SHANGHAI: Indian compound men's and women's teams endured a disappointing outing in Stage 2 of the Archery World Cup, failing to secure a podium finish after crumbling in crunch situations here on Wednesday. The trio (women's) of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Pragati and Aditi Swami crashed out in the quarterfinals.

Tumakuru Open: Eighth seed Akanksha exits

TUMAKURU: The exit of eighth seed Akanksha Dileep Nitture in the women's singles was the lone jarring note in an otherwise impressive second day outing for Indian players in the ITF W15 Tumakuru Open on Wednesday. Akanksha was outplayed by Arina Arifullina in a one-sided 6-1, 6-1 Round of 32 match. Laxmisiri Dandu beat Prathyusha Rachapudi 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Young Indian boxers confirm 27 medals

TASHKENT: Indian boxers were assured of 27 medals at the Asian Boxing U15 & U17 Championships here on Wednesday. The U-15 girls' contingent secured 14 out of 15 possible medals, while the U-15 boys nearly matched the feat by confirming 13 out of 15 medals. Indian boys delivered another day of ruthless performances, marked by a flurry of RSC (Referee Stops Contest) victories.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Saka ends Arsenal's 20-year wait to reach final

AGENCIES @ London

ARSENAL reached the Champions League final for the first time in 20 years as Bukayo Saka sealed a 1-0 win against Atletico Madrid on Tuesday.

Mikel Arteta's side settled the semi-final second leg with Saka's strike late in the first half at an ecstatic Emirates Stadium. The Gunners, who drew 1-1 in the first leg in Madrid last week, held firm after Saka's goal to go through 2-1 on aggregate. It was a cathartic night for Arsenal, who are back in the Champions League final for the first time since losing 2-1 to Barcelona in their only previous appearance in the showpiece in 2006.

Arsenal have never won the Champions League, with their



Bukayo Saka (L) celebrates with his teammates after scoring on Tuesday | AP

two major European trophies coming in the 1994 Cup Winners' Cup and the 1970 Inter-Cities Fairs Cup.

Their last continental final ended in a 4-1 defeat against Chelsea in the 2019 Europa

League. It is shaping up to be Arsenal's greatest ever season as they chase a Premier League and Champions League double. Even Arsene Wenger's 'Invincibles' — who won the club's last English title in an unbeaten

top-flight campaign in 2004 — might have to bow to the current generation if they finish the job. Fittingly, it was Saka — the homegrown symbol of the Arteta era — who proved Arsenal's match-winner.

Now just four games from immortality, Premier League leaders Arsenal were given a huge boost in the title race when second-placed Manchester City drew at Everton on Monday.

The Gunners will be crowned champions if they win their last three games against West Ham, Burnley and Crystal Palace. Once the title is decided, Arsenal will head to Hungary with a maiden Champions League crown in their sights.

Result (2nd leg): Arsenal 1-0 Atletico (Arsenal win 2-1 on aggregate).

ISL: CFC suffer narrow loss against Punjab FC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

CHENNAIYIN FC suffered their sixth defeat of the season as they lost (0-1) via an own goal from Lalrinliana Hnamte against Punjab FC in the Indian Super League at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on Wednesday.

It was Punjab who made a start full of promise, forcing CFC defender Pritam Kotal to make a goal-line clearance around the 11-minute mark. Lalrinliana Hnamte followed it up with a crucial block to deny a clear sight of goal.

Chennaiyin carved out a promising 3v2 situation, but Hnamte's heavy touch let the opportunity slip. Striker Daniel Chima Chukwu was also pre-

sented with a half-chance soon after, only for the Punjab defence to recover in time.

As the match wore, both teams struggled to get a firm grip of the proceedings. After the break, the pattern continued, with Chennaiyin remaining compact defensively while searching for a breakthrough in attack. CFC captain Alberto Noguera came closest to creating one, delivering a dangerous ball into the box that nearly led to an opening, with Chennaiyin also seeing appeals for a handball waved away.

The away team continued to probe in the final stages, working the ball into promising areas but lacked the clinical edge at the final third.



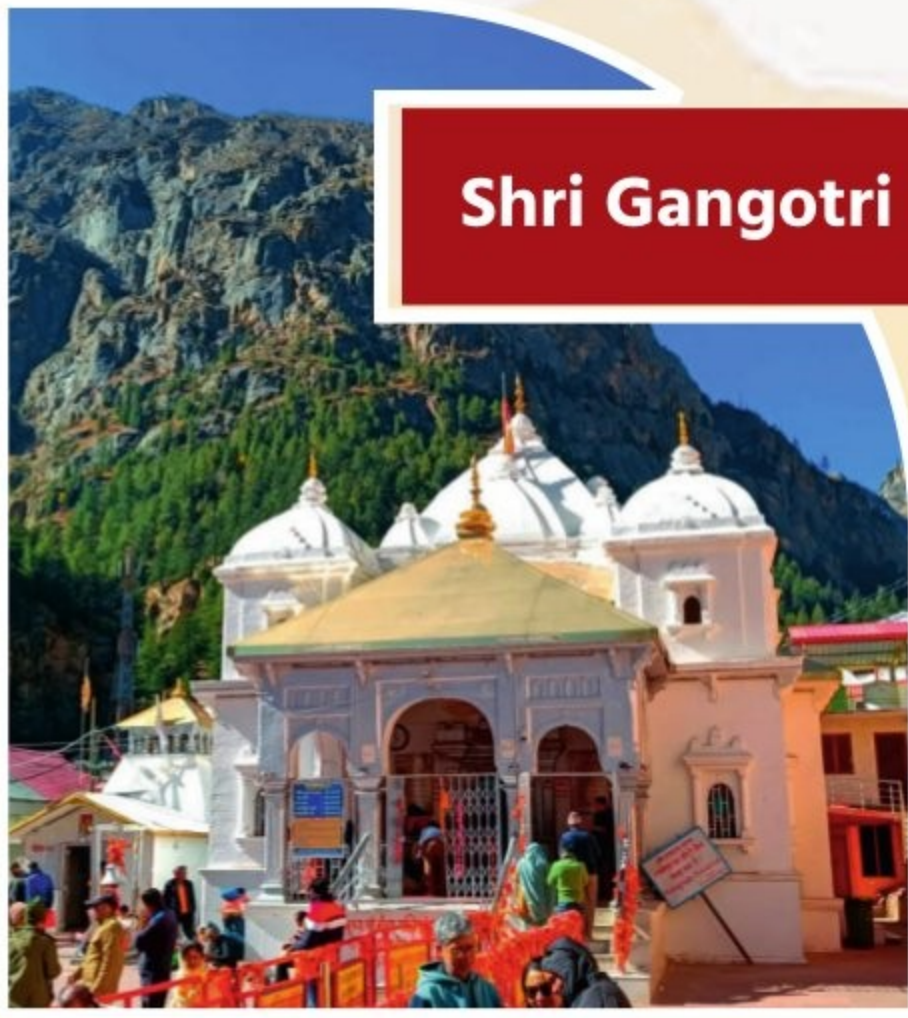


Uttarakhand
GAURAV, VIKAS AUR SANKALP KA PARV

Shri Yamunotri



Shri Gangotri



Shri Kedarnath



Shri Badrinath

SPIRITUAL AND NATURAL ATTRACTIONS NEAR THE CHAR DHAM ROUTE

Near Yamunotri

Janki Chatti & Hanuman Chatti, Kharsali Village, Saptarishi Kund, Lakhamandal, Kedarkantha Trek, Rana Chatti.

Near Kedarnath

Bhairavnath Temple, Vasuki Tal, Gaurikund, Triyuginarayan Temple, Chopta - Tungnath - Chandra Shila, Deoria Tal.

Near Gangotri

Gaumukh Trek, Bhojbas & Tapovan, Surya Kund & Gauri Kund, Harsil Valley, Mukhimath (Mukhba), Dayara Bugyal Trek, Gartang Gali, Kashi Vishwanath Temple (Uttarkashi), Nachiketa Tal & Dodital.

Near Badrinath

Mana Village, Vyas Gufa & Ganesh Gufa, Bhimsila, Auli, Valley of Flowers, Vasudhara Falls, Charanpaduka, Tapt Kund & Narad Kund, Jyotirmath (Joshimath), Satopanth Lake, Pandukeshwar, Adibadri Temple, Hemkund Sahib.



“The Honourable Prime Minister has termed the third decade of the 21st century as the 'Decade of Uttarakhand.' In line with the Prime Minister's vision, we are working with an 'unwavering commitment' (Vikalp Rahit Sankalp) to make the state an ideal state in every field.”

Pushkar Singh Dhami
Chief Minister, Uttarakhand

Important Information

Mandatory Registration: Registration is compulsory before commencing the Yatra.

Verify Contact Details: Please ensure you enter the correct mobile number during registration.

Be Prepared for Weather: Carry adequate woolen clothes, an umbrella, and a raincoat.

Accurate Health Data: Provide precise health information during the registration process.

Senior Citizen Advisory: Senior citizens are advised to undergo a medical check-up before starting the journey.

Medication: If you are on prescribed medication, carry a sufficient stock of your medicines.

Acclimatisation: Take frequent breaks at various transit points along the route to acclimatize to the high-altitude climate.

Health First: If you feel unwell, please do not proceed with the journey.

Beware of Scams: Avoid unauthorised individuals claiming to facilitate 'Darshan' at the shrines.

Keep Tracks Clean: Cooperate with us in keeping the pilgrimage routes clean; do not litter.

Safe Driving: Maintain controlled vehicle speed and park only in designated parking areas.

No Plastic: Strictly avoid the use of single-use plastic.

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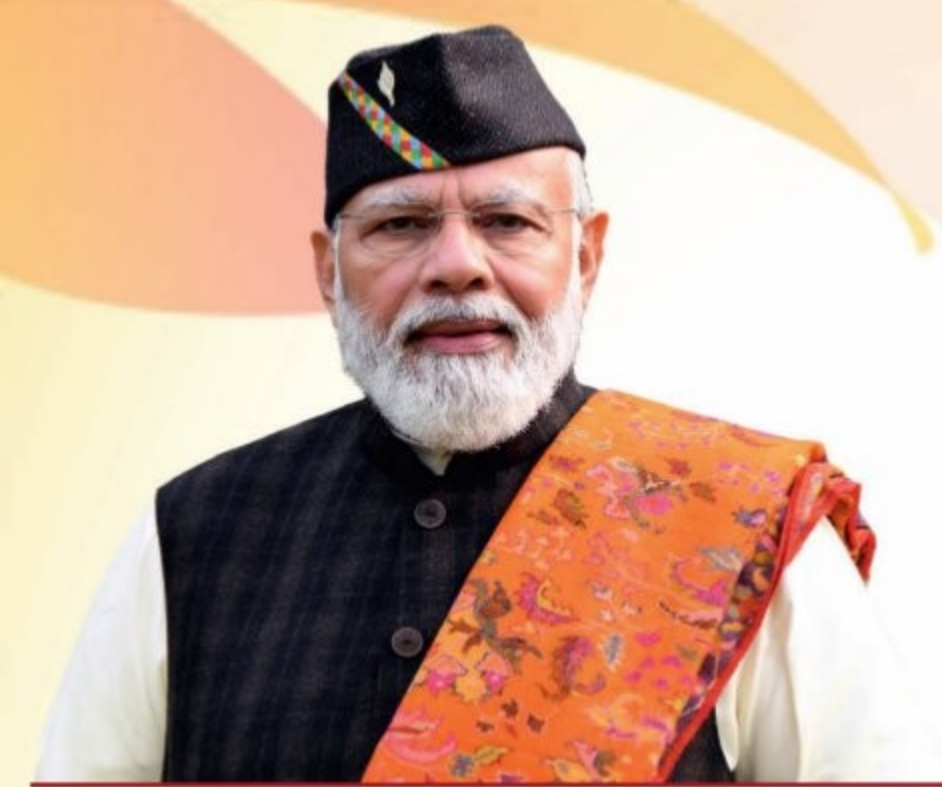


Devbhoomi
Uttarakhand

VIKAS BHI, VIRASAT BHI

Chardham Yatra

**A WARM WELCOME
TO ALL DEVOTEES**



My dear Countrymen,

The sacred Chardham Yatra has commenced in the holy land of Devbhoomi Uttarakhand. This divine pilgrimage to the four shrines, including the darshan of Baba Kedar, is a magnificent celebration of India's eternal (Sanatan) cultural consciousness. Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya gave a new direction to Indian culture through his pilgrimages to Badrinath and Kedarnath. Similarly, Jagadguru Ramanujacharya and Jagadguru Madhvacharya also visited Badrinath to enrich their spiritual philosophies.

Even today, these four shrines nestled in the lap of the Himalayas remain divine centers of our eternal faith and belief. Every year, people belonging to diverse languages, traditions, and cultures come here, further strengthening the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. This year's Yatra is an extension of that very tradition.

Our scriptures state:

**अग्निष्टोमादिभिर्विष्णुर्गिरिष्ठा विपुलदक्षिणेः।
न तत्फलमवाप्नोति तीर्थभिगमनेन यत्॥**

Meaning: The immense merit (Punya) earned through grand Yagyas (sacrificial rituals) and charity is profound. However, the merit obtained through a pilgrimage (Tirtha Yatra) is even greater than that gained through those rituals.

In the resolve for a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India), the role of a 'Viksit Uttarakhand' is extremely vital. A few years ago, at the gateway of Baba Kedar, I had said that this decade would be the 'Decade of Uttarakhand.' Today, the progress of Uttarakhand is turning that belief into reality. Uttarakhand is setting new benchmarks in all three sectors: tourism, spirituality, and economic growth.

The great ritual of development (Vikas ka Mahayagya) that has been underway in Uttarakhand for the past few years has made the Chardham Yatra more accessible, safer, and divine than ever before. This is providing great convenience to the visiting devotees, saints, and tourists. In all these efforts, every care is being taken to preserve the natural beauty of Uttarakhand.

I would also urge every guest visiting Uttarakhand to truly enjoy this new experience. During your journey, I encourage all travellers to observe a "Digital Fast" and strive to live within the natural beauty of Uttarakhand. This will provide you with a unique sense of satisfaction.

Historically, we have always traveled from our homes to Devbhoomi for the Chardham Yatra with a specific resolve. In this spirit, I wish to urge you to take Five Resolves (Panch Sankalp):

First Resolve - Cleanliness is Paramount: Maintain cleanliness within and around the shrines. Contribute your part to keeping the rivers clean. Take a pledge for a journey free of single-use plastic and uphold the dignity of this sacred land.

Second Resolve - Sensitivity towards Nature and Environment: Be sensitive toward this divine Himalayan land. While maintaining the balance of nature, contribute to environmental conservation through initiatives like 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' (A Tree in Mother's Name).

Third Resolve - Emphasis on Service, Cooperation, and Unity: Since ancient times, our pilgrimages have been a medium for universal service and social harmony. Even today, people serve pilgrims with this same spirit. I urge every pilgrim visiting the Chardham to perform at least one act of service every day of their journey. Help your fellow travellers and connect with people coming from different parts of the country. By participating in their traditions, strengthen the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' through this pilgrimage.

Fourth Resolve - Promoting 'Vocal for Local': From the time you leave your home until you return, ensure that you spend at least five percent of your total travel budget on purchasing local products. Even if a local item is not immediately needed in this season, try to buy it for future use.

Fifth Resolve - Adherence to Discipline, Safety, and Decorum: Follow the rules of the journey and traffic instructions. As a responsible and alert citizen, make this pilgrimage safe and accessible. Let us ensure that our journey does not cause any inconvenience to the people involved in the organisation and management of this Yatra.

In recent years, a large number of creators and influencers have started visiting the Chardham. I urge all of you to make an effort to share the local stories of Uttarakhand and its small, unique traditions with the masses.

May the blessings of Baba Kedar and all the four shrines infuse your life with new energy, new inspiration, and new resolutions. This is my wish for you.

My heartiest best wishes to all of you for a successful, safe, divine, and soulful journey.

Yours

Narendra Modi



Panch Kedar

1. Kedarnath
2. Tungnath
3. Rudranath
4. Madhmaheshwar
5. Kalpeswar

Panch Prayag

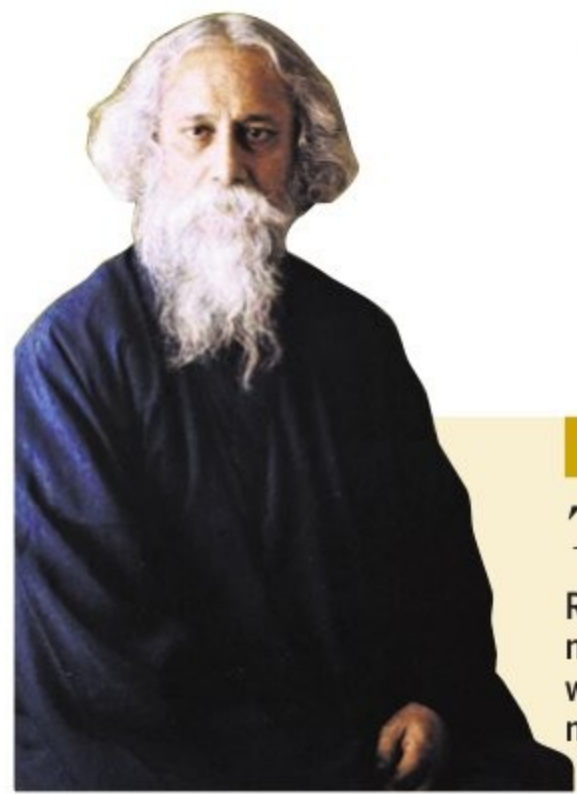
1. Devprayag
2. Rudraprayag
3. Karnprayag
4. Nandprayag
5. Vishnuprayag

Panch Badri

1. Vishal Badri
2. Yogdarshan Badri
3. Bhavya Badri
4. Vradha Badri
5. Aadi Badri

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During the Chardham Yatra, you can also visit and experience the divine Panch Kedar, Panch Prayag and Panch Badri. In the Panch Badri, Lord Vishnu is worshipped in various unique forms



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DAY'S DIARY

Tagore's birthday

Rabindranath Tagore a popular poet, novelist, musician, and playwright who reshaped Bengali literature and music, was born on this day 1861

VISVA-BHARATI

In 1917, he established Visva-Bharati School in Shantiniketan. He also began the art side of his university known as Kala Bhavan after the Jallianwala Bagh massacre



ACCOLADE

The Bangla poet was also the first individual (excepting Roosevelt) outside European countries to get the popular Nobel Prize



NATIONAL ANTHEM

The song, composed originally in Bengali by Tagore, was adopted in its Hindi version as the National Anthem of India on January 24, 1950

Celebrate Mother's Day with these CE-curated events!

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Analysing Met Gala's 'Costume Art' theme, celebrating the intersection of fashion and fine art, artist & curator Jitha Karthikeyan spotlights a few standout pieces

FASHION'S biggest night just happened. The first Monday of the month of May has become synonymous with the Met Gala.

What started as an annual fundraising event for the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute in New York has now become one of the most eagerly-awaited occasions for mere mortals to gawk at some of the most imaginative and often absurd outfits there ever can be, donned by every celebrity under the sun.

Every year, as these stars ascend the steps of the Met Museum, and pose dramatically, they adhere to the year's chosen theme, this year's being Costume Art, with the prescribed dress code being 'Fashion in Art', which simply meant that the guests were expected to look to art for wardrobe inspiration.

Here are a few stunning 'body of works' from the 2026 Met Gala.



RACHEL ZEGLER

'The Execution of Lady Jane Grey' is a 1833 painting by Paul Delaroche which is on display at the National Gallery in London. Lady Jane Grey reigned for a mere nine days as Queen of England, after the death of King Edward VI in 1553. Her cousin Queen Mary I, overthrew her and the painting shows the final moments before her execution. This poignant work was the inspiration behind actor Rachel Zegler's Met Gala costume, designed by Prabal Gurung.



ISHA AMBANI

Billionaire Isha Ambani turned heads in a saree handwoven by Gaurav Gupta that featured detailed embroidery and a border inspired by the Ajanta frescoes, which were hand painted by artisans from Swadesh. She paired it with a blouse that dripped with heirloom diamonds and emeralds that totalled 1,800 carats, as well as a cape that framed like a halo, created by artist Sourabh Gupta using paper, copper, brass and Indian pigments. But that wasn't the show stopper – it was the mango she clutched in a sheer, crocheted chain purse. A bronze sculpture by artist Subodh Gupta, the mango was hand-painted and weighed around 800 gm. "Isha held the mango – solid, grounded, timeless. I've always been interested in the play of words: mango and aam aadmi. It's simple, but layered," reveals Gaurav.

PHOTOS : AFP/AN/INSTAGRAM



WHEN NEYTT MET GALA

ANU KURUVILLA

GUESTS arriving at the Met Gala's 78th edition on May 4 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York stepped into what felt like a dreamscape. A garden-like setting with stone pathways and patches of moss green.

The immersive design echoed the evening's theme – 'Fashion Is Art' – blurring the line between environment and expression.

At the heart of this visual narrative was the rug crafted by Kerala-based Neytt, a brand under Kerala-based Extraweave. This marked the fourth time Neytt has created the Met Gala's base carpet.

"The idea was to align with 'Fashion Is Art', where the carpet becomes the first artistic surface on which these expressions unfold," says Sivan Santhosh, founder and CEO of Neytt Homes and director and COO of Extraweave.

One of fashion's most-watched nights, the Gala coincided with the Costume Institute's exhibition 'Costume Art', which explores fashion as a form of artistic expression across centuries.

"This year's brief invited designers to interpret fashion as living, moving art. A blend of couture, sculpture, and performance," says Santhosh. "Within this context, the carpet becomes more than a

backdrop."

Sustainability, he adds, remains central to Neytt's approach. The company works extensively with natural fibres such as sisal, jute, hemp, and wool, combining traditional craftsmanship with material innovation.

"Our focus has always been on creating environmentally conscious surfaces while staying rooted in Indian craft traditions," says Santhosh.

The carpet was made using premium, hand-sorted sisal fibre sourced from Madagascar. Production took place in Cherthala.

"The carpet underwent a meticulous 14-cycle process to achieve its final texture. In total, 57 rolls – each measuring 4 by 30 metres – were produced, covering 6,840 square-metres," says Santhosh.

Once transported to New York, the base was hand-painted by artists under event designer Raúl Avil, transforming it into a one-of-a-kind visual statement.

"For us, the carpet is never just a surface. It is the beginning of every story that unfolds on it," Santhosh smiles. Manufacturing the Met Gala carpet for the fourth time is a significant milestone, he notes. "Not just for us, but for Indian craftsmanship on a global platform," says Santhosh, adding, "It reflects a larger narrative where heritage craft meets contemporary culture, and where material becomes meaning."



Sivan Santhosh with wife Nimisha



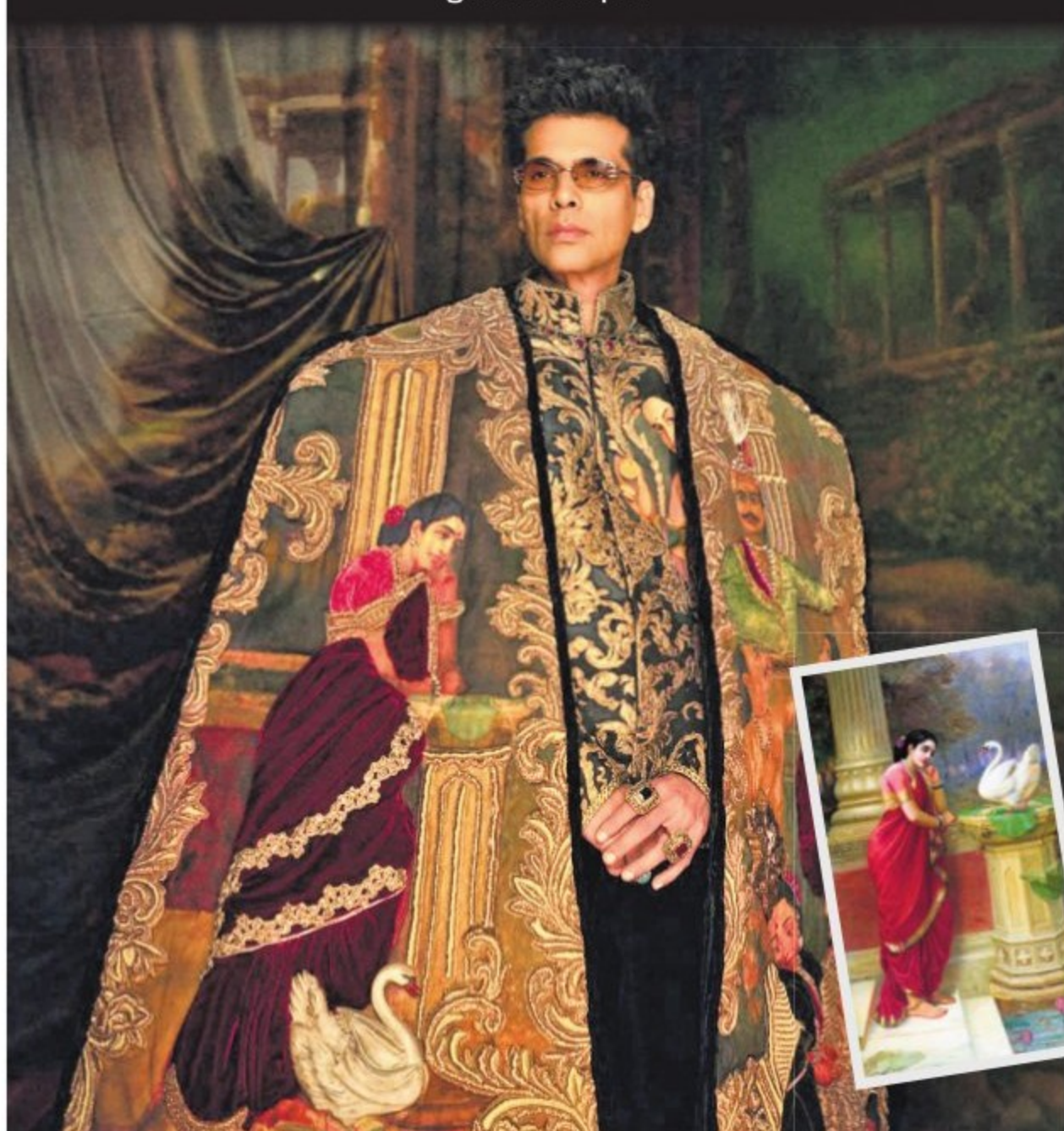
HEIDI KLUM

German-American model Heidi Klum could easily have been mistaken for a marble statue – that was how intense the transformation was! Her gown featured a sculpted, marble look, giving the illusion of actually witnessing a carved classical marble artwork. Created by Mike Marino, her outfit was inspired by the 19th-century bust. The Veiled Virgin. Heidi shocked everyone with her living sculpture look.



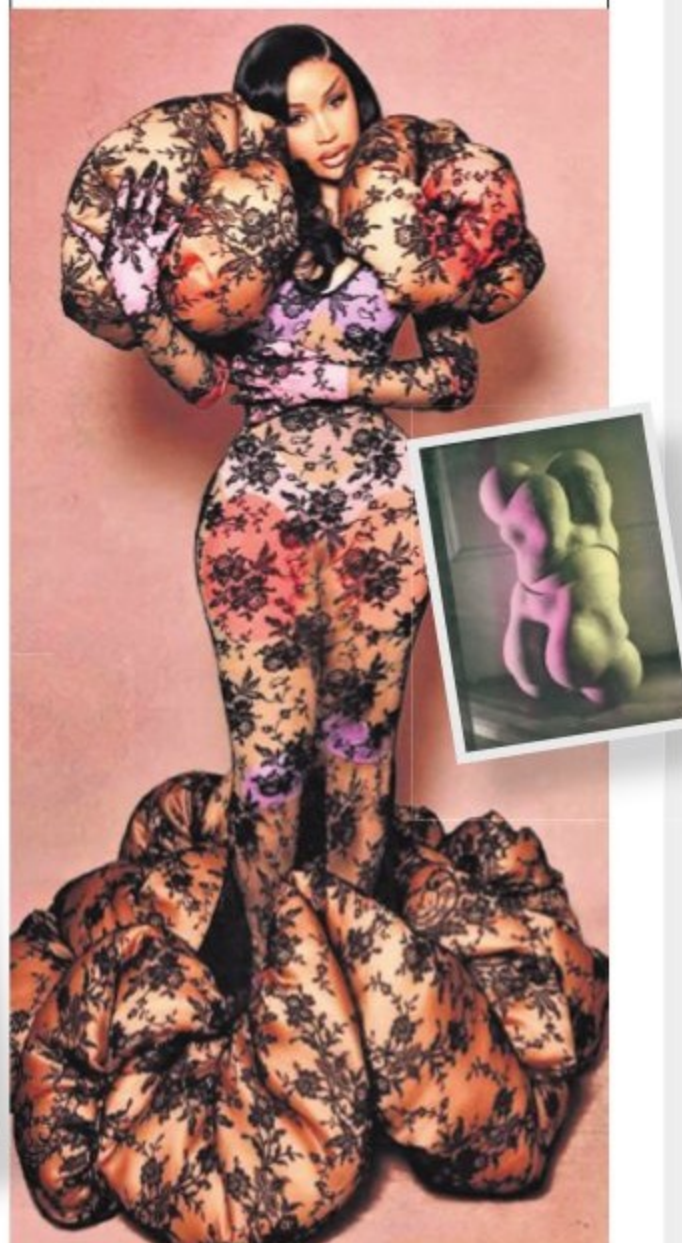
KARAN JOHAR

Filmmaker Karan Johar honoured the Father of Indian art, Raja Ravi Varma, by wearing an ensemble designed by Manish Malhotra. Hand-painted in gold by artisans, it featured Ravi Varma's iconic paintings like 'Hamsa Damayanti', and 'Kadambari'. Johar said, "Raja Ravi Varma felt right because his work does something I've always tried to do in cinema. He painted feelings. This moment wasn't just about fashion for me. It was about storytelling. About taking the legacy of the artist and letting it live again. This time, not on canvas, but in motion. I wanted to represent India and our culture, our art and our storytelling on the global 'steps'."



CARDI B

American rapper Cardi B arrived like a surreal dream, basing her visual language on German artist, Hans Bellmer, who was well known in the 1930's for his photographs of dolls with exaggerated and unnatural proportions. Her designer, Marc Jacobs, reworked her silhouette into similar proportions that must have unsettled any viewer.



MAHIMA NAGARAJU

ANYONE who has read a good book knows that the right words can transport you into another world so perfectly that you can see its colours, smell its flowers and almost taste its foods. For sisters chef-mixologist duo Shachi and Kriti Srivastava, the joy is in doing the opposite – creating food and drinks so perfectly rooted in the world of their favourite books that book discussions at their book club-cum-supper club 'Book-a-Table' gain a whole new dimension. This weekend, they're set to do so with Vikram Seth's *A Suitable Boy*. "You experience a book in a particular and intimate manner, and here, you hear many different perspectives. Readers are always empathic, so you go back feeling richer because of the conversation, and your tummy is full too," says Kriti, who is also a professor.

For this event, based on Seth's bestselling novel, whose young characters are trying to find their footing in a newly independent India, Shachi, a lawyer by profession, says she is



A glimpse of the previous Book-a-Table event

Chef-mixologist sisters' book-cum-supper club will bring alive Vikram Seth's *A Suitable Boy* through dishes this weekend

'excited to sink my teeth into Indian food history and the part of Indian cuisine that exists because of the British Raj.' She explains, "The book's world is between Awadh and Bengal, with Lata's brother, Arun, and sister-in-law residing in Calcutta. Arun is obsessed with the British to the extent that he looks down upon fellow Indians, despite being one himself. Daak Bangla chicken as a dish

came to exist because of British officers posted in remote circuit houses along the railway route, with local chefs preparing this dish for them with Indian flavours. And dimer devil is a fun, Bengali take on the British pub snack, scotch eggs, which I

Kriti Srivastava



thought would find a place on Arun's dinner table, if he were ever hosting his British colleagues at home!"

While these examples may be of meat delicacies, Kriti reassures that vegetarians don't have to fear missing out because if the way they approach curating their menus – for *A Suitable Boy*, but also the two previous events they've hosted focused on *Butter* by Asako Yuzuki and Julia Quinn's *Bridgerton* series. "Vegetarian menus are made first and the non-vegetarian food comes after because it's usually the other way around," she says.

Apart from the food and engaging conversation, the duo also goes all out with their decor. For *Butter* they transformed the home into a Japanese-style Izakaya (informal gastropub). For *Bridgerton*, the decor and menu both were a recreation of a classic afternoon tea party. Kriti adds, "We also send our guests home with a small gift so they can contin-

ue the experience a little longer – homemade miso butter and honey chill butter for the *Butter*-themed event and cute mini scones for *Bridgerton*-theme."

Since they started these events three months ago, hosting an event each month with a different book and menu at its centre, they've slowly but surely grown. "This started because we are both book lovers and foodies who love to host friends and family. When we recently got a place in HSR Layout, we suddenly had the time and place to constantly have people over. Being Bengaluru girls, a lot of our friends have

moved away so this has become a way to make like-minded friends too," says Shachi, adding with a laugh, "At first, we had to bully friends and acquaintances into coming, but now, almost all of our attendees are new faces!"

(The event is priced at ₹2,000 per person. More details, @book_a_table on Instagram)



Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to bengaluru.cityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz' Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) Cubbon Park 2) Attarakatcheri 3) Mayo Hall

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) Simon PM, 2) Mohan S 3) Archana A

BOOK NOOK



Through Mom's Eyes
By Sheinelle Jones

The beloved Today show host Sheinelle Jones reveals how to make it through the hard parts of motherhood and still tap into the joys of it with empathy, generosity and solidarity.



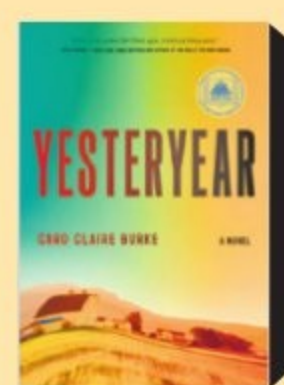
Leave Your Mess at Home
By Tolani Akinola

A story about the uncomfortable, unbreakable ties of family as four adult siblings return home to confront the state of their own lives and each other, making for a read that leaves one questioning.



Mei Mei The Bunny
By Laufey

Mei Mei is a little bunny who wants to make the world happy with her music! When she plays the wrong note in front of everyone, will she be able to find the melody to make it right? How will Mei Mei overcome mistakes and believe in herself?



Yesteryear
By Caro Claire Burke

A traditional American woman, a beautiful wife and mother who sells her pioneer lifestyle of raw milk and farm-fresh eggs to her millions of social media followers, suddenly awakens cold, filthy and terrified in the brutal reality of 1855.



ART-MO-SPHERE

Artist Kavitha Sunil showcases her swirling circular canvas with acrylic abstracts, aiming to symbolise the elements of Earth to visitors at the second edition of Namma Art Bengaluru, a national art fair at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Seshadripuram | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICKFIX

EGG MUFFINS

INGREDIENTS

- Eggs: 5
- Salt & pepper (to taste)
- Onion (chopped): 1 small
- Carrot, mushrooms and broccoli (chopped)
- Green chillies (sliced): 1-2
- Milk: 2-3 tbsp
- Butter: 1 tbsp
- Tomato (chopped): 1
- Mozzarella cheese (grated)

METHOD

- In a bowl, whisk the eggs with salt, pepper, and milk.
- Heat butter in a pan, add all the vegetables, and sauté for a few minutes until soft.
- Add the sautéed veggies to the egg mixture and mix well. Pour the mixture into the muffin tin. Sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top.
- Bake for 15-20 minutes until the muffins are lightly golden in a preheated oven at 180°C.



Contributed by **Gomathi Karthisen**, Chennai

ASK AN XPERT

- The open space can be utilised for sprints, jumps, and conditioning work that most gym-goers avoid.
- Focus on pulling movements. A well-rounded routine must include pull-ups, rows, and basic hanging work. Ignoring this will eventually stall progress and can lead to injuries.
- Try hanging leg raises, planks, and static holds which builds core strength.
- Progression is crucial. If you are not increasing the challenge, your strength will not improve as growth requires discomfort.
- Parks give you the space to move with intensity to elevate not just your fitness but your overall performance.

FITBIT

WHY YOUR ARM WORKOUTS MAY NOT BE GIVING GOOD RESULTS

Most people train arms by doing endless curls and pushdowns, hoping for bigger biceps and triceps. But arm growth does not happen just because you add more exercises. It depends on training quality, recovery, technique, and progression. Small changes in the way you train can make a noticeable difference over time. Here are some practical ways to make your arm workouts more effective.

FOCUS ON FORM BEFORE WEIGHT

Lifting heavier weights is not always better. Swinging dumbbells or rushing reps reduces muscle activation and increases injury risk. Controlled movements and a full range of motion help the muscles work harder.

TRAIN EACH ARM SEPARATELY SOMETIMES

Single-arm exercises like concentration curls or single-arm pushdowns help improve muscle balance and strengthen weaker sides. They also improve the mind-muscle connection, which is important for muscle growth.

DO NOT IGNORE TRICEPS

A lot of people focus only on biceps, but triceps make up a larger portion of the upper arm. Exercises like close-grip presses, overhead extensions, and dips help build fuller-looking arms.

TRAIN ARMS MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK

Instead of dedicating just one day to arms, add a few bicep or tricep exercises after chest or back workouts. This increases overall training volume without needing an extra workout day.

USE DIFFERENT REP RANGES

Moderate reps work well, but occasionally adding heavier sets can help build strength and size. Training in different rep ranges challenges muscles differently and prevents plateaus.

PAY ATTENTION TO GRIP AND TEMPO

Changing grip width or slowing down the lowering phase of a rep increases muscle tension. Simple changes like these can make familiar exercises more challenging without adding more weight.

RECOVERY MATTERS TOO

Arm muscles are smaller and recover faster than larger muscle groups, but they still need rest, sleep, and proper nutrition to grow. Without recovery, progress slows down.

Building stronger arms is less about doing fancy exercises and more about training smart. Consistency, proper form, gradual progression, and recovery matter far more than chasing heavy weights or endless sets.



By **Abhishek K**, fitness expert, cult— a fitness and wellness platform

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Mamma-Me Treats

Make your mum feel the sweetest with some handcrafted, freshly baked Mother's Day special treats. From personalised truffle cupcakes with inscriptions to classic cakes in vanilla and chocolate flavour, customised with buttercream icing of your choice – add a small gesture for your mother's big day.

- **WHEN:** May 8-10, 10am onwards
- **WHERE:** Magnolia Bakery, all outlets across the city
- **CALL:** 81233 26984



Timeless Taste

This Mother's Day, celebrate your mom's grace by taking her for a lunch date featuring dishes like chicken red Thai curry, Korean bibimbap and more. Add sweetness to the plate with a matcha cheesecake and fruity berry almond clafoutis.

- **WHEN:** May 10, 1pm onwards
- **WHERE:** Raj Pavilion, ITC Windsor, Sankey Road | **CALL:** 80760 77025



Mamma's Day Out

Celebrate motherhood with Mamma's Brunch, a curated celebration with dishes like honey-glazed ham, hong shao duo tofu, bouillabaisse, crum fried chicken maki roll and more. Adding to the experience, three influencers will join hands with their mothers and cook a family recipe. All Mothers will be welcomed with a traditional gajra and they can enjoy relaxing pampering sessions, including nail painting, on their day out.

- **WHEN:** May 10, 12.30pm onwards
- **WHERE:** Neo Kitchen, Manyata Business Park, Nagawara
- **CALL:** 86189 56798



Motherly Magic

Here every mother receives a complimentary mocktail or cocktail, a small toast to her big heart. Gather the family for a heartfelt brunch to honour Mom's endless love. Savour a lavish buffet of nostalgic flavours like the live chaat station, truffle, Hariyali fish tikka, Kolhapuri chicken rassa, biryanis and more.

- **WHEN:** May 10, 11.30am onwards
- **WHERE:** SALT, Kalyan Nagar
- **CALL:** 73378 30206



Brunch Bliss

Raise a toast to your mother amidst a lush, resort-style vibe with a specially curated Bali-inspired Mother's Day brunch. Give an experience filled with slow afternoons, global flavours and family togetherness as you and your mother indulge in a spread of seasonal dishes, paired with signature craft beers like refreshing mango brews for a thoughtful and inclusive experience.

- **WHEN:** May 10, 12pm onwards
- **WHERE:** Tropika Brewing Co., Marathahalli | **CALL:** 80659 12627



For the Queen

- **WHEN:** May 10, 12pm onwards
- **WHERE:** Café 77 East, Taj Bangalore, Devanahalli
- **CALL:** 91489 06663

Blending nostalgia, comfort and indulgence, relish some 'maa ke haath' flavours with some home-style classics, a tribute to heirloom recipes. The menu brings together regional classics and nostalgic dishes, from parathas and homestyle curries to South Indian specialties and traditional desserts, complemented by a playful mango lassi bar and signature chai selections – evoking the warmth of a mother's kitchen.



ARTCORNER



UNMOORED

Artist **Neha Kamalapur** captures the fleeting essence of existence

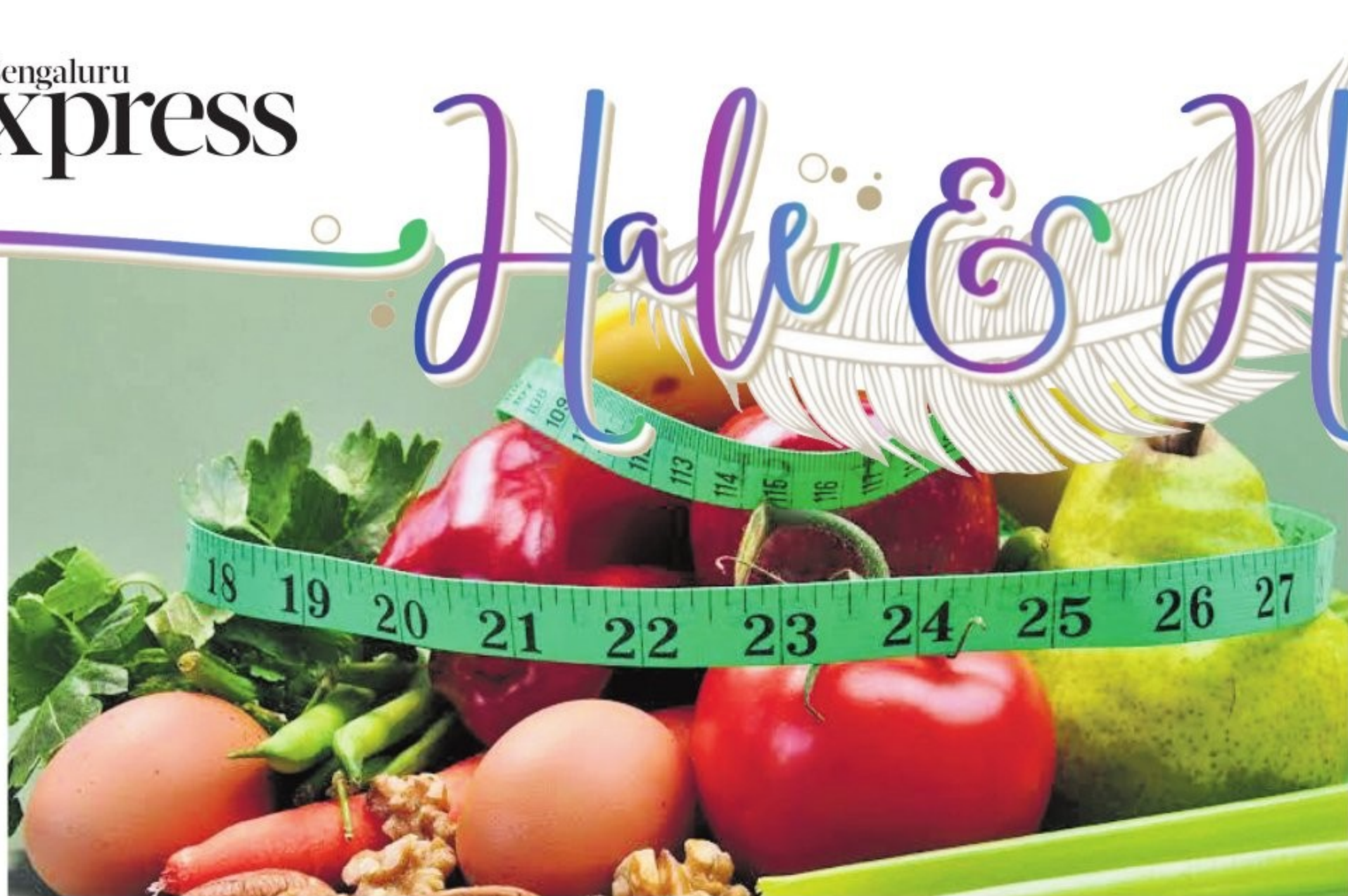
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TEJAL SINHA

CRAVINGS are often treated like a shortcoming, a moment where discipline slips. But what if they are, instead, signals from a body trying to protect itself?

This International No Diet Day (May 6), experts highlight how restrictive diets interfere with the hormones that regulate hunger, prompting the body to push back – shifting appetite, slowing metabolism, and drawing the mind closer to food in ways that are far more biological than behavioural.

Under ordinary circumstances, the body maintains a delicate internal rhythm. As ghrelin rises before meals, it signals hunger, while leptin communicates fullness and energy sufficiency. This balance ensures that eating remains responsive and aligned with the body's needs. "When this system is disrupted by sustained calorie restriction, the body doesn't stay passive," explains Dr Ravi Shankar Erukulapati, senior consultant endocrinologist, adding, "Ghrelin levels increase, leptin levels drop, and that intensifies hunger while



With Int'l No Diet Day being marked on May 6, experts highlight how restrictive eating rewires the brain, making weight regain more likely

weakening satiety. It's a biological adaptation – one that makes long-term restriction difficult to maintain."

That adaptation goes beyond hormones. "The hypothalamus reads prolonged restriction as an energy deficit. It responds by conserving energy, slowing metabolism, and driving stronger hunger signals. From a physiological standpoint, this mirrors a survival response," he adds.

This internal shift is often felt psychologically as well. "People tend to interpret this as a lack of discipline but what they're experiencing is the mind and body becoming more

CRAVING CONTROL? THINK AGAIN

preoccupied with food. The more restrictive the pattern, the more attention food begins to occupy," says Dr Sonali Chaturvedi, consultant psychologist.

Dr Erukulapati also points to what happens over time, "With

repeated dieting, the body becomes more energy-efficient. Resting energy expenditure can drop, while appetite signals remain elevated. This is why weight regain is not uncommon."

That cycle often affects how food is experienced. "In clinical practice, we see that food stops feeling neutral. It becomes something people constantly evaluate – what they should eat, what they shouldn't. That ongoing mental negotiation adds a significant emotional load. That's where cravings feel more intense. It's not just hunger – it's the brain placing greater value on certain foods,

which makes resisting them feel much harder," notes Dr Chaturvedi.

Both experts also highlight how common self-blame is in these situations. Dr Erukulapati explains, "Many patients feel they didn't try hard enough. But medically, we understand that these responses are expected." Dr Chaturvedi further echoes, "That self-blame can affect one's relationship with food."

When it comes to identifying healthier patterns, the difference often lies in flexibility. "Sustainable eating patterns allow adjustment based on hunger and routine. Highly restrictive plans tend to ignore these internal cues, which is where problems begin," highlights Dr Erukulapati.

Dr Chaturvedi adds, "The rigidity is often the red flag. When eating is driven by strict rules rather than internal signals, it becomes difficult to sustain and often stressful."

Ultimately, both emphasise the need to broaden how health is measured. "Weight alone doesn't give the full picture. Energy levels, metabolic health, and overall well-being are equally important indicators," Dr Erukulapati notes.

NUGGETS

Hospital launches Karnataka's first paediatric emergency and advanced response for liver care

Aster CMI Hospital, Hebbal, announced the launch of Paediatric Emergency and Advanced Response for Liver Care – PEARL, recently, marking Karnataka's first dedicated Paediatric Liver Intensive Care Unit (ICU), exclusively to manage children with severe and life-threatening liver conditions. The unit was inaugurated by M Maheshwar Rao, Chief Commissioner, GBA, Karnataka, in the presence of senior leadership and other clinical experts. N Karthik Nagesh, programme director, said that in paediatric liver emergencies, timely intervention is critical, and the initiative enables early, targeted care with continuous, specialised support, improving outcomes and sometimes avoiding transplantation. Dr Prashanth N, CEO, emphasised that the initiative strengthens specialised paediatric critical care and multidisciplinary treatment approaches.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, NIRMAL ARPUTHA PAUL LAWRENCE, S/o. A J Lawrence, residing at #1442, 5th Main Road, 3rd Cross, Grapes Garden, Kullappa Circle, Kammanahalli, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru 560084, have changed my name to **NIRMAL PAUL** vide Affidavit Dated: 02/05/2026, sworn before Notary S.I.BALAGURU, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shwetha K, Wife of T Kesavan, aged about 32 years, R/a No.244, 4thCross, AKG Colony, Near MVJ College, Channasandra Main Road, Channasandra, Kadugodi Plantation, Bangalore-560067, have changed my minor son name from **K. JISHWANTH to S.K. OMPRANITH,** vide affidavit dt. 05.05.2026 before Notary S.I. Balaguru, Bangalore.

OTHERS

THANKSGIVING

Thank you Infant Jesus for all the graces, mercies and blessings bestowed on my Dad and my family thru your intercession to the Heavenly Father. Seeking your blessings always.
GEORGE JOSEPH and TREESA J and FAMILY

THANKSGIVING

Thanks Jesus for everything I am happy for ur blessings Always be with me and with my family.
VANI

THANKSGIVING

Thanks for favours and blessing received continue to bless us the favours we seek.
SRINIVAS and FAMILY

THANKSGIVING

Thanks for favours and blessing received continue to bless us.
RICHARD FLORANCE & FAMILY

THANKSGIVING

Thanks for favours and blessing received continue to bless us.
RICHARD FLORANCE & FAMILY

THANKSGIVING

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past, I have asked for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special favor (mention favor). Take it dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favor. no mine.
Amen. Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and favor will be granted, no matter how impossible. Never known to fail.
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DECLARATION

I, Service No. 16121525P HAV PRAVEEN JOHNSON, Residing at Parakkal, Kumily, murukady (Post), Idukki (Dist), Kerala (State), PIN: 685535, have changed my daughter Name **GABRIELA ELISE PRAVEEN** DOB from **28.08.2022 to 22.08.2022,** vide affidavit dated 22.12.2025 sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, R PAVALAMANI, W/o. Army of No.1356682, Ex-HAV late. RATHNAMMA DASS DHEENANARAIAN, residing of #46/6, Bazaar Street, Vannarpet, Viveknagar Post, Bengaluru 560047, Karnataka State, Have Changed my name (**OLD NAME**) **PAVALAMENE to (NEW NAME) R PAVALAMANI** Vide Affidavit Dated 04.05.2026 Sworn Before Notary SHERISTEDAR XXIX A.C.J.M. Court Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GOPI, Father of Army No.16120126Y, HAV SHYJU G, Door No:5-208A, Pilankalai, Chathencode (Post), Vilavancode (Taluk), Kanyakumari (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 629153, Have Changed my name (OLD NAME) **H GOPI to (NEW NAME) GOPI And DOB from **28.08.1959 to 10.11.1963,** Vide Affidavit Dated 24.02.2026 Sworn Before Notary D.SINGH JOHNES, Kanyakumari, TAMIL NADU**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ANUSUYA V W/o Shivanand Deguladavar, residing at No.374, 10th Main 1st 'D' Cross, Sampige Layout, Basaveshwarnagar, Bengaluru - 560079, have changed my son's name from **KHUSHIL SHIVANAND DEGULADAVAR to KHUSHIL SHIVANAND** vide affidavit dated: 2/2/2026 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SANGAMESHARADDY S/o KALLAPPARADDY residing at No. 160, Benchincholi Post Benchincholi Bidar - 585414 have changed my name to **SANGMESH REDDY** vide affidavit dated: 5/5/2026 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MURUVANDA SHWETHA MUTHANNA residing at E-71, Golden Enclave, H.A.L. Airport Road, Near Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru North, Vimanapura, Bangalore - 560 017 have changed my Daughter name from **TIARA to TIARA MURUVANDA MUTHANNA** vide affidavit dated: 17/4/2026 Before Notary **H.G.Venkataramu** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PALLAVI PRAMOD W/o Pramod B V, aged 47 years, R/at No. 46, Akshaya, 13th A Cross, 1st Main Road, Srinidhi Layout, Konanakunte, Bengaluru-560062 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PALLAVI (old name)** to **PALLAVI PRAMOD (new name)**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **PALLAVI PRAMOD (new name)** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 6th May 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Smt. INDRANI.C, Wife of No. 7995151 Late Chinnappan, residing at No.7, Murugan Nivas, Near Vinayaka Temple, Sekar Layout, M.V. Nagar, BEML Nagar, K.G.F. 563 115 have changed my name from **INDIRA RANI to INDRANI.C,** vide Affidavit dated: 30.04.2026 before the 1st Addl. Sr. Civil Judge & JMFC, K.G.F.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, YASWANT REDDY, S/o Lakshmi Pathy, age 28 years, permanently R/at No.46, 3rd Street, Avadi, Kamaraj Nagar, Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu-600071, presently R/at No. 277, 52nd Cross, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **YASWANT KUMAR L to YASWANT REDDY,** henceforth shall be known and called as **YASWANT REDDY** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 5th May 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L.VEENA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, No.656834-F Ex-MWO (HFO) RAMA BAKTHULA PARAMAHAMSA KAMALAKANNAN, S/o. late R K Paramahansa residing at Flat No.003, Sri Mahalakshmi Urban Flora, Near Legacy Horse Riding School, Kodigehalli, Bengaluru 560097, have changed the name of my daughter from **SRISARANYA to K SRISARANYA,** vide Affidavit Dated: 05/05/2026, sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, No.JC-305668M, Ex-Naib Sub Nagesh V Bhat, S/o. late. Venkatraman Bhat, residing at #53, Chitrakumbha 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Lavilla Layout, Maragondanahalli, TC Palya, Bengaluru 560046 have changed the name of my spouse from **SHREEMATHI to SHREEMATHI N BHAT,** vide Affidavit Dated: 05/05/2026, sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KRUTHI CHANDRASHEKAR, Daughter of Sri.C. Chandrashekar, aged about 40 years, Residing at No. BA-1503, Salarpuria Greenage Apartment, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Next to Oxford College, Bengaluru - 560 068. I have changed my name from "**SMT. KRUTHI BALAJI**" to "**MS. KRUTHI CHANDRASHEKAR,**" vide Affidavit dated 06.05.2026 sworn to before Notary Sivakumara M.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAGHU.G.R. Residing at No. 102, 8th Main, 4th Malleshwaram, Bangalore-03. I, declare that my son actual and correct name is **SUYATEENDRA.R.THORATH,** his Aadhaar card Number is 6948 4458 4537, due to oversight in his birth certificate his name entered as **SUYATEENDRA.R.THORATH,** instead of **SUYATEENDRA.R.THORATH,** in future all the records, to call, enter my son's name as **SUYATEENDRA.R.THORATH,** vide Affidavit dated 02.05.2026 sworn to before Notary Lakshmaiah, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KOWSALYA SUDHAKAR, aged about 66 Years, W/o Sudhakar, Residing at #72, 1st Floor, 3rd Main, KR Garden, Near Old Airport Compound, Murgeshpalaya, Bangalore-560017, have changed my name to **V K KOWSALYA DEVI,** vide affidavit dated: 06.05.2026 before Notary **L Gopalakrishna,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, UNISI, D/o C. Beilai, aged 28 years, Residing at Lobo, Siaha, Saiha, Mizoram Pin 796901, now camped at Bengaluru, have changed my name to **EUNICY,** vide affidavit dated: 06.05.2026 before Notary **L Gopalakrishna,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shwetha K, Wife of T Kesavan, aged about 32 years, R/a No.244, 4thCross, AKG Colony, Near MVJ College, Channasandra Main Road, Channasandra, Kadugodi Plantation, Bangalore-560067, have changed my minor son name from **VINITH K to S.K.LALITH KISHORE** vide affidavit dt. 06.05.2026 before Notary **S.I. Balaguru,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MANJUNATHA N, Age 53 years, C/o. Narasimhaiah Residing at Nittur Hobli, Gubbi Taluk, Opp. Vinayaka High School, Mysore Road, Nittur at Post, Nittur, Tumkur-572223, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MANJUNATH to MANJUNATHA N.** vide affidavit dated 29/03/2026 sworn before advocate & Notary N. Sandhya, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. MUNGAMURU SIVAKUMAR REDDY, S/o Mungamuru Chandrashekar, age 65 years, R/at No. S1, 2nd Floor, Sai Residency, Site No. 134/135, 1st Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-560 092 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **MUNGAMURU SIVAKUMAR REDDY and MUNGAMURU SIVAKUMAR REDDY** are one and the same and refers to me only, but my correct name is **MUNGAMURU SIVAKUMAR REDDY,** vide affidavit dated 05-05-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L.B. ANASUYAMMA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CYNTHIA MARY SATHISHKUMAR W/o Sathesh Kumar, Flat No. 410, Aryan Pebble Bay, Near Anam Enclave, Ashwathi Nage Thansandra, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560077, do hereby solemnly declare that **CYNTHIA MARY SATHISHKUMAR and CYNTHIA MARY ALBERT PETER** both the names are one and the same. I further declare that I have changed my name from **CYNTHIA MARY SATHISHKUMAR to CYNTHIA MARY ALBERT PETER** vide Affidavit dated 06.05.2026, sworn before Notary S R Nanjunda Swamy, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. MUNGAMURU SHARMILA, W/o Mungamuru Sivakumar Reddy, age 59 years, R/at No. S1, 2nd Floor, Sai Residency, Site No. 134/135, 1st Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-560 092 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **MUNGAMURU SHARMILA and MUNGAMURU SHARMILA** are one and the same and refers to me only, but my correct name is **MUNGAMURU SHARMILA,** vide affidavit dated 05-05-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L.B. ANASUYAMMA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRAMOD B.V. S/o Vijayendra Kumar B N, age 52 years, R/at No. 46, Akshaya, 13th A Cross, 1st Main Road, Srinidhi Layout, Konanakunte, Bengaluru-560003 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAMOD (old name) to PRAMOD B V (new name),** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PRAMOD B V (new name)** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 6th May 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, S JOHN CLIFFORD S/o. Selvarayan Ramesh Anthony, aged about 34 years, residing at Grace Villa Maple Greens Layout, Chikkaagubbi Main Road, Chikkaagubbi, Bangalore East, Bangalore-560077, do hereby declare that my name from **JOHN CLIFFORD to S JOHN CLIFFORD,** vide affidavit dated 06.05.2026, sworn to before G.R. Ravichandra Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MADHURI REDDY, Housewife, Date of birth: 15/02/1961, wife of Sri. Venkat Ranjit Reddy, and resident of No. 789,9th Main, 3rd Block, HBR Layout, Bengaluru -560043, Karnataka State, have changed my name to **MADHURI REDDY RANJIT,** vide affidavit dated 06/05/2026 before the Notary, K.Venkateshan, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Soundarya A, C/o M Arunagiri, aged about 26 years, residing at No.98/3 A/4, 1st Cross, Cashier Layout, Near Swaraj Hyper Market, Tavarekere, Bangalore South, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560029, I state that the names **SOUNDARYA A and SOUNDARYA ARUNAGIRI** refer to one and the same person i.e., myself, vide affidavit dated 04.05.2026 sworn before notary K V Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Kum. Keerthana S, D/o. Sri V Srinivasa and Smt. Padmavathi S, aged about 20 years, residing at No. 48, 2nd Floor, 4th Cross, 12th Main, Raghavendra Block, Srinagar, Bangalore South, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560050, do hereby declare that I have changed my father name from **Sri Srinivasa V to Sri V Srinivasa,** vide affidavit dated 21.04.2026, sworn to before Chandrashekaraiiah S. Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Kum. Keerthana S, D/o. Sri V Srinivasa and Smt. Padmavathi S, aged about 20 years, residing at No. 48, 2nd Floor, 4th Cross, 12th Main, Raghavendra Block, Srinagar, Bangalore South, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560050, do hereby declare that I have changed my mother name from **Smt. Padma S to Smt. Padmavathi S,** vide affidavit dated 21.04.2026, sworn to before Chandrashekaraiiah S. Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MONICA, Resident of Flat No. B2-1007, Mahaveer Riviera Apartment, J P Nagar 5th Phase, Puttenahalli, Karnataka-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MONICA KUMARI to MONICA,** and My father's name from **KAVINDRA KUMAR CHAUDHARY to KAVINDRA KUMAR CHAUDHARY** and My Mother's name from **ASHA CHAUDHARY to ASHA CHAUDHARY** and Husband's name from **ANKIT RAI to ANKIT RAI,** vide affidavit dated 06.05.2026, sworn to before Mohammed Hussain K, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KRISHNA. M, aged about 63 years, S/o. Siddalinge Gowda, Residing at No.179, 1st Floor, 10th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003 I have changed my name from **KRISHNA. M to KRISHNA MALLESHWARAM** for all purposes affidavit dated 06/05/2026 sworn before advocate and notary Puttaramaiah, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Puneeth R, S/o. Rathnavelu M, Aged about 21 years, Residing at No. 32, 71st Cross, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560 010, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Puneeth R to Parth Ratna Hegde** vide affidavit dated 4.5.2026 sworn before Chandrashekaraiiah S., Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ravi Gupta, S/o. Harshu Dayal Gupta, Aged about 39 years, R/at D-204, Akruil Life Style, Opp. Madhu Sagar Society, Vadsar, Gujarat. Presently Residing # 61/62, 1st C Main, 14th Cross, Soundarya Layout, Sidedaahalli, Hesaraghatta Road, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru - 560 073, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Ravi Harshu Gupta to Ravi Gupta** vide affidavit dated 06-05-2026 sworn before G. Dayananda, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, HAMD A FATHIMA, resident of No.10, 1st Cross, Maruthi Sevaragar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560033, I have changed my name to HAMD A FATHIMA T E for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 06/05/2026 sworn before advocate and notary C. Santhosh, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JYOTHI KURIAN, aged about 41 years, wife of Mr. Shilin Thomas, presently residing at Prabhavathi Bliss Block, AG, 11, 6th Main Road, Near St. Francis School, MICO Layout, Hongasandra, Bommanahalli Post, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560068 and a permanent resident of Kanjirathumuriyil, Chelmalda, Kurnali Post, Idukki District, Kerala State-685 509, have changed my daughter's name from **EVANGELINE MATTHEW to EVANGELINE SHIBIN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 23/04/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary Public, Ganesh Gowda M.V, Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT

I, Sri. ASADULLA SHARIFF, S/o. Late. Rahman Shariff, Aged about 48 Years, Presently R/at. No. 120, 12th main road, Narayanapura, Wilson Garden, Adugodi Post, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560030, Karnataka State, I have changed my daughter's name from **AATHIKA SHARIFF to A. ZOHRA FATHIMA** vide Affidavit Date 5/5/26 Advocate and Notary by **P N NAGESHA**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHIVETA SHIBEN KRISHEN (DOB: 07-07-1977) W/o Mr. Sandeep Koul, Resident of #A1202, Purva Venezia, Bangalore Unnikrishnan Road, Near Mother Dairy Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064, have changed my name from **SHIVETA SHIBEN KRISHEN to SHWETA MATTOO** Affidavit Dated: 06-05-2026, sworn to before Notary Public G.P CHAYA Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, M.R.NIRANJAN YADAV (New Name) S/O D. Ramakrishnaiah, aged about 48 years, called (Old Name) **M.R.NIRANJANA YADAV S/O D. Ramakrishnaiah,** R/at Maralakunte Melamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist-5621T1, I have changed my name from **M.R.NIRANJANA YADAV to M.R. NIRANJAN YADAV** vide Affidavit Date 30/4/26 Advocate and Notary by **KC Chowde Gowda**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ARVIND KUMAR MOOLCHAND, S/o Moolchand Porwar, aged about 48 years, Residing at No. G-90/1, Sundar Kunj, 12th C Main Road, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, I have changed my name to **ARVIND KUMAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 05/05/2026 sworn before advocate and notary L. Veena, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DIVYA SHREE G.N, D/o Sri. Guruvagharah Narasimhan and resident at F-2, No. 109, Classic Shelters, 13th Main Road, NHCS Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040 I have changed my name to DIVYA SHREE GURUVAGHARAH NARASIMHAN for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 05/05/2026 sworn before advocate and notary Deepa M, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

We, (1)A.ANNAMALAI GIRI, S/o.A. Ayyavoo @ Ayyasami, aged about 56 years, (2) **Smt.S.KEMPAMMA W/o. A. Annamalai Giri,** aged about 46 years, both are residing at: No.520/1A, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Near Rama Temple, Vinayaka Nagar, Annasandra Palya, Vimanapura Post, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bangalore - 560 017, do hereby declare that adopted child **POOJA.A** is our daughter, as we being the parents **A. Annamalai Giri and S. Kempamma,** instead of her Biological Parents i.e., **Sri. K. Suresh and Smt. A. Gayathri,** vide affidavit dated 6/5/2026 sworn to before B Hanumantharaya Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

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VIJAY KUMAR PLUGS INTO THE UNDERCURRENT OF CITY LIGHTS WITH BAAVA BAAVA

A SHARADHAA

WITH *City Lights*, director Vijay Kumar returns to a terrain that has long defined his storytelling. Raw, emotional, and rooted in lived experiences, especially of a Bengaluru that often goes unnoticed, hinting at a film that captures the lives that struggle beneath its lights.

This marks Vijay's third directorial after *Salaga* and *Bheema*, but this time, he places Vinay Rajkumar at the centre, alongside Monisha Vijaya Kumar, marking her debut.

Having completed its shoot, the film begins its musical journey with "Baava Baava," a track that captures the pulse of the streets and offers a glimpse into the world Vijay is shaping.

At the centre of "Baava Baava" is rapper Ankit Kumar, who has written and sung the rap song. His voice carries an unfiltered, local energy that sits comfortably within the film's narrative. "They had heard my earlier work and reached out. I never imagined I would get a

With Vinay Rajkumar headlining the film, which has Monisha Vijay Kumar making her debut, Vijay's third directorial turns its gaze to an unseen Bengaluru, beginning its journey with a raw, rap-driven track sung by Ankit Kumar and composed by Charan Raj



I have never carried the baggage of legacy: Vinay Rajkumar

For Vinay Rajkumar, the film is as much about the music as it is about the experience of collaboration. "I had asked Charan sir for one strong track, but he has given us the best. The film has five tracks, and all of them are good. *City Lights* will be engaging. I had an excellent learning experience working with director Vijaya Kumar. And Monisha, in her first film, has done well," he says. The actor, apart from *City Lights*, has also wrapped up *Gramayana*, and is taking a measured approach to his career. "It is important to do good films that together contribute to the industry. Releases are taking time, and I do not want films to pile up. I am waiting for these two films to release," he explains. On carrying a great legacy, Vinay remains grounded. "I enjoy my individuality as an actor. I have never carried the baggage of legacy, and I do not carry the baggage of myself either," he adds.



Vijay Rajkumar, Vijay Kumar and Monisha



Team City Lights

Working with my father was an eye-opener: Monisha Vijay Kumar

For Monisha Vijaya Kumar, *City Lights* is both a debut and a deeply personal journey. "Working on this film, especially alongside Vinay Rajkumar, has been a learning curve. I have learned a lot," she says. "I have been a huge fan of his work. I sat through the composition process. 'Baava Baava' uses very local words, and I really enjoyed that."

Working under her father's direction gave her a unique perspective. "It felt like home. There will be a time when I have to find my individuality, but working under my father gave me a whole new experience," she shares. The film also served as an eye-opener for understanding the city it portrays. "My father took me to different parts of Bengaluru and showed me places connected to the story. It was an eye-opening experience," Monisha says.

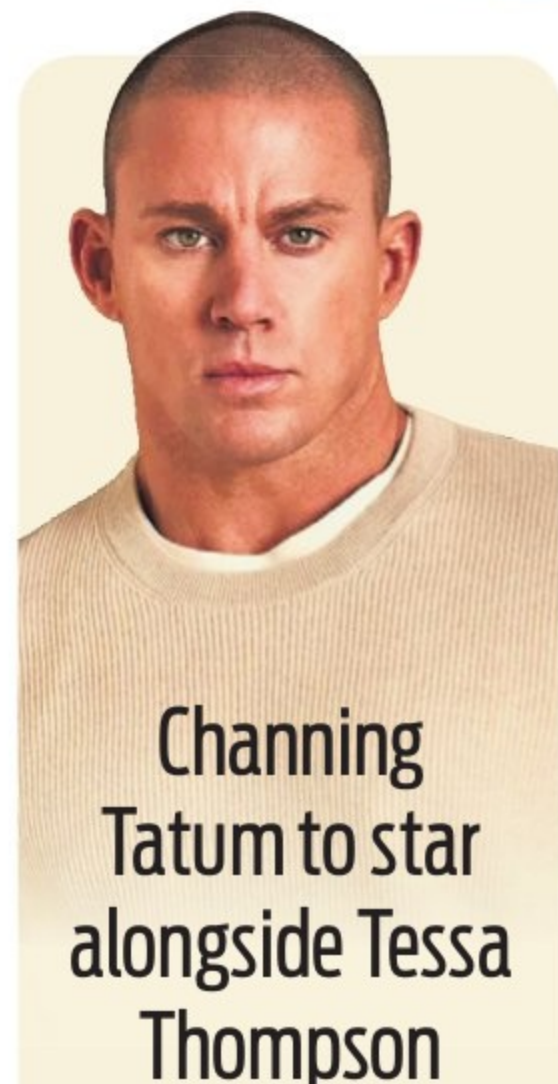
chance like this from Vijay sir," he says, reflecting on the unexpected break.

Composer Charan Raj brings intensity to the track while staying true to its emotional core. For him, Vijay's involvement became a guiding force. "Vijay always comes with a clear sense of what he wants from a song. He does give a lot of input, and since I am not the story writer, whatever comes from the director helps us. That clarity pushes the composition in the right direction," Charan explains.

For Vijay, rap becomes more than a stylistic choice. "Rap has always been a form where people speak about their struggles. In *City Lights*, I am trying to talk about a certain kind of pain, and this song carries that emotion," he says.

City Lights follows two individuals who move from a village to Bengaluru, only to confront the realities of survival in a fast-paced, indifferent city. With the tagline *Javabdaari... Deepagalu*, the film, reflects responsibility and fragile hope.

Backed by cinematographer Shivasena, editor Deepu S Kumar, dialogue writer Masti, and music by Charan Raj, the film is produced by Vijay Kumar and Vikram Arya under the Duniya Talkies and Yantroud-dharaka banner.



Channing Tatum to star alongside Tessa Thompson

CE FEATURES

AST February, we reported about Tessa Thompson and Patsy Ferran starring in a film, titled *Later The War*, written and directed by Charlie Kaufman. Now, Channing Tatum has joined the cast of the film. Reports suggest that Eddie Redmayne is no longer attached to the project and that Tatum has taken his place.

Best known for writing the screenplay for *Being John Malkovich*, *Adaptation*, and *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, *Later The War* is only Charlie Kaufman's fourth feature film as a director. Earlier, he directed *Synecdoche, New York*, *Anomalisa*, and *I'm Thinking of Ending Things*. The upcoming film is an adaptation of Iddo Gefen's *Debbys* Dream House, which is part of Gefen's collection of short stories, titled *Jerusalem Beach*. The short story revolves around a person who creates both nightmares and dreams for others, who include his own spouse. The film is expected to go on floors in Cyprus next year.



CE FEATURES

DHRUTI stands out as a deeply personal project for Jagadish M, an entrepreneur-turned-filmmaker who has written, directed, shot, and produced the film, with Geetha Damodaran as co-producer. Rooted in a socially relevant theme, the film reflects Jagadish's intent to tell stories with purpose.

For Anchal Gowda, it was this core idea that drew her to the project. "I play a tennis player who has a clear goal in life, but an incident completely shatters her world. What stood out for me is that the film does not dwell on the suffering. It is about how she gathers the courage to return to the game and reclaim her life," she says.

She emphasises that *Dhruti* avoids sensationalising trauma. "The focus is on finding a way forward. It carries an important message. When something wrong happens to a woman, stepping back should not be the only response. There has to be strength to move ahead," Anchal explains.

The role also demanded both physical and emotional preparation. Anchal, who has a strong academic background with an MS degree from the United States, credits her training in dance for helping her transition into cinema and adapt to the physicality of playing a sportsperson. "Being in front of the camera was always a dream. I had earlier done a

Dhruti is not about suffering, but strength: Anchal Gowda

Telugu film, *Bad Girls*, and both my projects have been women-centric," she says, adding, "This role was challenging because it reflects situations we often hear about or read in the news."

Describing her working experience with actors like Prashanth Soppimath and Bhavana Reddy as 'collaborative', Anchal says, "They are strong performers, and that really helped me elevate my role."

With music by Prasanna Kumar and editing by Shashank Muralidharan, *Dhruti* aims to balance narrative with a message, one that Anchal hopes will resonate with audiences beyond the screen.



A still from the film



Anchal Gowda

Mahesh Kumar



After a ₹9 lakh deal for the original, the sequel secures ₹2 crore for its audio rights

AYOGYA 2'S music scales a new peak

CE FEATURES

THE buzz around *Ayogya 2* has picked up pace, once again with a focus on its music. As the makers prepare for release, the sequel has already made news in the pre-release business. The film's audio rights have been acquired by Anand Audio for a reported ₹2 crore. In comparison, the first instalment, *Ayogya* (2019), had sold its music rights for around ₹9 lakh, marking a notable jump that reflects the film's recall and the expectations around its soundtrack.

Directed by Mahesh Kumar, *Ayogya 2* is currently in post-production. The project has drawn attention largely due to the response to its predecessor, particularly its music.

One of the defining aspects of *Ayogya* was the popularity of "Enammi

Enammi," a track that went on to cross 100 million views, setting a benchmark for Kannada film songs at the time. That success has naturally shaped the approach to the sequel's music. Mahesh Kumar acknowledges this. "All the songs in *Ayogya* worked well, and 'Enammi Enammi' reaching 100 million was significant. With *Ayogya 2*, we've tried to maintain that standard. Each song has been carefully composed, and we hope it connects with listeners," he says. The film reunites the team with com-

poser Arjun Janya and lyricist Chetan Kumar.

In terms of story, the sequel begins where the first film ended, following Siddhegowda as he steps into his role as a gram panchayat member and faces new challenges. While a few new characters are introduced, the core cast have returned for the sequel.

Produced by M Mune-gowda, the film features a supporting cast including Sundar Raj, Shivaraj K.R. Pete, Aruna Balraj, and Manju Pavagada. Cinematography is by Vish-wajith Rao, with dialogues by Masthi Upparahalli. The film is now heading to the Cen-sor Board and is expected to release soon.



CE FEATURES

SONAKSHI Sinha, Jyotika and director-actor Ashutosh Gowariker will soon be seen together in a courtroom-thriller called *System*. The film, helmed by Bareilly Ki Barfi (2017) director Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari, will premiere on Prime Video on May 22.

System has been written by

Harman Baweja, Arun Sukumar, Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari, Tasneem Lokhandwala, and Akshat Ghildial.

The ensemble cast included Preeti Agarwal, Adinath Kothare, Aashriya Mishra, Gau-rav Pandey, and Sayandeep Gupta in pivotal roles. As per a press release, *System* has been described as a "high-stakes courtroom thriller" which follows the unlikely

connection between Neha Ravjansh (played by Sonakshi Sinha), a public prosecutor, and Sarika Rawat (played by Jyotika), a courtroom stenographer who comes from a humble background. "Despite their distinctly different social standings, the team up to fight for justice and truth even it means going up against the most powerful," reads the press note.

SYSTEM GETS PREMIERE DATE

